

Media Center/Library: Recommended Additions *September 2008*

FICTION:



The Shack by William P. Young

Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend.

Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant. The Shack wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

Summer Reading Program Report

We had a great time with the Summer Reading Program. There were 13 children signed up and we had an average of six in attendance each week.

The first six weeks we did a series called *Characters with Character*. Each week a different topic was covered. The topics were **Friendship, Courage, Responsibility, Fairness, Honesty and Respect**. After reading two short stories on the topic we had a discussion time. The last three weeks we watched a DVD series, *Kids' Ten Commandments*. The titles were Not So Golden Calf, The Rest Is Yet To Come, A Life & Seth Situation, Stolen Jewels/Stolen Hearts, and Toying With The Truth. After each viewing we had a short discussion and the children took handouts home to emphasize the truths we viewed in the DVDs.



The books we read and the DVD series are available for check out from the Library/Media Center.

As a result of the Summer Reading Program we had a total of **197 books** checked out by the children. We also found we needed a new section in the Children's area for books about Salvation. We now have several books that will help you explain the plan of salvation to your children when they are ready.

(Left - One of the summer reading program sessions; Right - Some of those recognized on September 3.)