



LABI Library Newsletter

Major Donation from Vanguard University

More and more books

Earlier this year, Jack Morgan, a librarian from Vanguard University, reached out to me and was wondering if we were interested in getting some more books from two faculty members who had passed on. I said yes and what kind of books were available. Mr. Morgan had close to 1000 books for donations and he identified about 200-300 that were about church history, Pentecostalism, and more.

Thus we ended up with eight boxes filled with books like this first one:



Some were extremely old and others were duplicates; we already had several copies of the latter in our catalog. I rejected a good many based on age but I accepted close to 100 of them.

As for the time of writing, I have four boxes out of eight boxes left to go through. Any books I do not accept are yours on a first-come basis. All LABI patrons and community members are welcome to rummage through the boxes and see if there are any hidden gems.

I should know; I already took one on the history of the prelude to World War 1.

by [Justin Choi](#)

THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

Birth of Our Special Collection

While sifting through the donated books from Vanguard University, there were several history books published by various District Councils of the Assemblies of God. In those books, they cover the history of AG churches in various places. So far, we have three: North Dakota, Oklahoma, and the island nation of Fiji.

In addition, we have a book: Core Values, published by a former Superintendent George O. Wood. See the image below.



And what is a special collection? Special collection assets are not part of the general circulation. Rather, they are best described as collector's items with special value, either in their own right or connected to the institution. They can also be

borrowed from another institution for a set period of time. Hopefully, as LABI grows, so will our special collections

Featured Resource

This month's featured resource comes from [The Gospel Coalition](#). TGC's Spanish partner *Coalición por el Evangelio* has [created a free Spanish learning platform](#) called Cursos Coalición. You can access it [here](#).

According to their website, the platform has “34 courses available on various topics, including work and vocation, marriage and family, apologetics and philosophy, biblical doctrine, and more. These courses have been selected, organized, and published by the Coalición team, working in conjunction with TGC.”

This is perfect for those who wish to study the Bible and prepare for sermons in their native Spanish. Check it out.

Ask Me Anything

Back in February, Keren Arenas asked me what it looks like to be a librarian or whether it was the right career path for her. Rather than explaining the career path which varies wildly depending on the librarian, I answered more about the skills a librarian needs.

This job truly engages both sides of the brain. For example, librarians demonstrate creativity and imagination like publishing this monthly newsletter. All the programming and seminars engage that hemisphere of the brain. As the sole librarian, I have to make my own posters to advertise for events. On the logical side, librarians often work with classification standards like the Library of Congress's and similar national systems. There are policies and procedures to follow, especially ABHE's - our school's accreditation agency.

Lastly, there are the soft skills, like the ability to find out what the patron (or student) is really asking. A simple question like: “Where are the commentaries for the Gospel of Luke?” might be the guise for “I have a homework assignment due tomorrow night and I don't know which commentary I need to use.”

Upcoming Events

Our last two events are coming up in April. On April 4 at 4 PM, we will be discussing Information Literacy. This topic is heavily stressed by the American Library Association and by ABHE.

On April 28, our last seminar will be about research and writing techniques. The



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