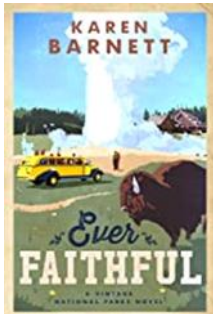


Grace Gatherings

January 2020 Library Insert



All are invited to the Grace Library
at 2pm on Thursday, January 16th!!

Local author Karen Barnett, who writes faith based historical romances, will be at Grace for the meeting of the local Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries.

Karen's wonderful Vintage National Parks series is available in the library to check out before the meeting (look in the Fiction section under BAR). Before turning to writing, Karen worked as a ranger naturalist and outdoor educator at Mount Rainier National Park, Oregon's Silver Falls State Park, and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. This experience comes through in her stories about Mount Rainier and Yosemite parks in the 1920's (The Road to Paradise and Where the Fire Falls) and her newest book about Yellowstone in the 1930's (Ever Faithful). Learning some national park history along with getting to know characters who find God in nature and loving relationships with each other – these books are easy to read and hard to put down.

Karen also has a series of books set in historic San Francisco (The Golden Gate Chronicles books). Maybe she will have some books with her at the meeting! And there will be snacks!!

A Blessing of Bilingual Books took place in the Library on December 4, 2019 with Pastor Wendell, Pastor Netsie, Linda Samuels, Wendy Geist, Jody Parker, Jaya Lapham and also guest author Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, by speaker phone. Graciela donated two of her children's books to our Grace Library, by way of sending them to Jaya Lapham, of Grace Lutheran Church. Through Jaya's work with veterans Graciela came to the Festival Latino at Monteith Riverpark in Albany last September. Her presence at Grace Library in December was courtesy of Jaya who came from LBCC on her lunchbreak. Graciela writes children's books about her own experience of serving in the Air Force as a navigator, instructor and pilot. Her son was her inspiration for writing the books, telling him and other children about her career in the Air Force. The books (Good Night Captain Mama and Captain Mama's Surprise) have both English and Spanish text on every page, with informative illustrations. After valuable educational conversation on Graciela's books and career, Wendell blessed her books and another author's bilingual childrens book. Wendell blessed and prayed in both English and Spanish. The meeting was a benefit to all and God's Grace was present for all of us. Do come and read her books for yourself!