

Library Committee Annual Report for 2017
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The Library Committee did not meet during much of 2017. With some new members, we started meeting monthly in September. Due to the long hiatus and new membership, the committee is still trying to find its way forward. Much of our time has been spent talking about how the library fits into the Homewood Friends Meeting community. Each member has ideas; they have not yet coalesced into a clear path. Our main topics have been the purpose of the library, ways to make the space more inviting, and re-introducing the Meeting to the library. The Meeting has recently acquired a computer for the library and so we have also considered how to utilize the computer and to make our online catalogue accessible for the Meeting.

The spiritual state of the committee is one of interest in providing service to the Meeting community, unsure and unclear about how to do that, yet confident we can make a contribution.

Our biggest challenges are that we are a small committee and we started this fall from a place of previous inactivity. Our strengths include the thoughtful attention of the committee members as well as the addition of many of our books to an online site by a previous configuration of the committee.

We plan to continue with our current subscriptions to *Quaker Life*, *Friends Journal*, and Pendle Hill pamphlets and to consider new acquisitions for the library. We hope to make the Library a place where more people feel welcome, whether to use the collection of materials or for silence and reflection.

Continuing members: Henry Kennison, Michael Prior
New members: Polly Heninger (contact person), Dave Sydlik
Eva Hersh was a member for a few months during the fall.