Many of us like books for a variety of reasons. In this digital age it's a comfort to know there are still paper and ink copies of knowledge, inspiration and entertainment.

Our very own New Branches Library serves adult members of the faith communities that call the New Branches Campus home. The books are organized by subject areas. This list is also posted on the pillar in the library, and the shelves are well marked. It is easy to find a book and even easier to check a book out. Please fill out the form you see on the clipboard located on the cart and there's also a clipboard on the kiosk.

We hope to communicate with our readers quarterly through all the various faith communities' newsletters or e-bulletins. This is your first article beginning in Advent. You may notice the kiosk which migrates around the commons area has had books on it since November of 2023. The theme of the books displayed is changed monthly and those books are from our library (thanks Fran.) November's kiosk was Native Americans Heritage Month. For December, there are a selection of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany books.

Pictured are two shelves from our library's Healing and Self-Growth sections: **Prayers** and **Aging**. This title caught my eye: **Soul Weavings by Lyn Klug**. These rich, strong prayers reflect the needs and experiences of women of all ages. Essays are gathered from historic and contemporary women of faith from around the world. The list is very impressive.
Another book called to me: **With a Little Help from Our Friends--Creating Community as We Grow Older by Beth Baker**. "The audience for this must-read book is boomers—and everyone else." Says Cynthia Fox, Library Journal Xpress Reviews. "In this book an award-winning journalist tells the story of people devising innovative ways to live as they approach retirement, options that ensure they are surrounded by a circle of friends, family, and neighbors. Based on visits to many communities around the country, Beth Baker weaves a rich tapestry of grassroots alternatives, some of them surprisingly affordable:"

I'd like to point out a few of my favorites from other areas of the library:
The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger (Fiction -not part of the Cork O'Conner mysteries)
Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann (nonfiction)
The Round House a novel by Louise Erdrich
Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship
and **The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness**.
Both written by Jesuit priest and bestselling author Father Gregory Boyle: In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Boyle, shares what three decades of working with gang

members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship.

We welcome reviews or recommendations of other books we have in the library. Stay tuned to more articles by representatives of the NB Library Board.

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