

## Resource Library Staff



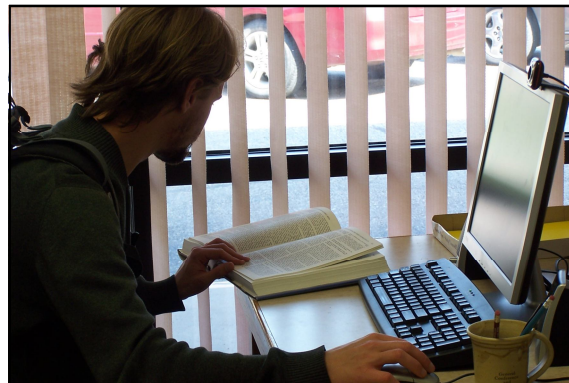
**Marlene Bogard** has served as Conference Resource Library Director since

1990. An ordained minister in Mennonite Church USA, she is also Minister of Christian Nurture for the Western District Conference and available for workshops and consulting in the areas of Christian Education, Family Ministry, Hospitality, Abuse Prevention and Church Libraries.

See more information at:  
[mennowdc.org/resources/christian-nurture/](http://mennowdc.org/resources/christian-nurture/)

## Facilities

The Conference Resource Library is the oldest and largest Mennonite Resource Center in the United States. It began as a vision of the Western District Education Committee in 1936 and was previously located on the Bethel College Campus. The Library is now located at 2517 North Main, North Newton, Kansas. Complete with lounge, it is a perfect setting to read, study, preview videos, meet friends, brew some coffee, and see what's new!



# Conference Resource Library



**Celebrating our 75th Year!**

Resourcing congregations  
of the Western District,  
South Central and Central Plains  
Conferences  
of Mennonite Church USA

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*Open*  
*M-F • 8-5*  
*or by appointment*

## Services

- ☞ Provides resources in a variety of formats: books, curriculum, dvd, periodicals and anthems.
- ☞ Offers the “Box of Books” program which provides bulk loans to churches for a two-month period.
- ☞ Explains library resources and materials to library visitors.
- ☞ Consults with church librarians regarding library procedures, policies and general library evaluation.
- ☞ Compiles bibliographies on various church and ministry-related topics.
- ☞ Publishes a monthly newsletter, **Check It Out**, which highlights new and important resources.
- ☞ Hosts a weekly Story Time for preschoolers.
- ☞ Library Lounge - perfect for small gatherings, snacks and beverages.
- ☞ An “on-line” catalog of over 11,000 holdings. Visit us at: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org)

## The Collection

**The Children’s Collection**, housed in a brand new space with cool art and cozy furniture, includes over 4,000 children’s books which serve as curriculum enrichment for church educators and recreational reading for families with children.

**The Adult Collection** includes 6,000 volumes of non-fiction resources for Bible study, worship planning, Christian education, youth and family ministry and much more. We also have quality fiction and biographies.

**The Video Collection** consists of over 550 videos that address issues of family life, youth ministry, peace and social concerns, church history and understanding the Christian faith. A video catalog is available in print or at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**The Music Lending Library** consists of multiple copies of 450 anthems for church choirs or small musical groups. A keyboard is available for use in or out of the library. A catalog is available at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org).

**Many periodicals** (current and back issues) are available for check out.

## Other Information

### Who may borrow from the library?

Any member of a Western District, South Central or Central Plains Conference congregation is welcome to check out materials at no cost.

**Others** may pay a modest membership fee:  
*Individual \$25 / year    Family: \$40 / year*  
*Congregation: \$1 per attendee per year*  
*(\$100 minimum)*

### How long may I keep materials?

Books and periodicals are loaned for three weeks to individuals and two months in bulk loans or “Box of Books.” Videos are loaned for as long as a series requires. Overdue fines accrue after a grace period of two weeks.

### Who pays for the materials?

Western District Resource Commission provides funds. Private donations are always appreciated.

### What is the “on-line” catalog?

The entire card catalog of 11,000 resources is available on our web-site at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org). Click on Resource Library tab. Search by title, subject or author. Then email, call or stop in to request the materials.

