

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta Library Policy

About our Library

The Griffith Memorial Library at UUCA is dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Martha Celeste Griffith, who served UUCA in the 1990s. The library is open Sunday from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, and Wednesday 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Checkout privileges are extended to members and pledging friends of the congregation, but newcomers are welcome to check out books about Unitarian Universalism without joining.

Mission

The mission of the Griffith Memorial Library is to encourage and support the study of religion in general and the study of liberal religion in particular. It also supports adults in their spiritual growth and religious understanding.

The Library will accomplish its mission by providing resources that:

- affirm and increase understanding of Unitarian Universalism and other spiritual attitudes, beliefs and practices
- encourage faith development
- support differences in abilities and circumstances
- strengthen commitment to a peaceful and just world community

Collection Development/ Donation Policy

UUCA's Griffith Memorial Library will collect resources that are in keeping with our mission and with our Unitarian Universalist Principles. Because the vast majority of Unitarian Universalists come to our liberal religious faith as adults, the library's role in education and faith development is crucial.

Our first priority is to collect resources on our UU faith tradition and its current developments. Many of these books are not available at local bookstores or the public library; therefore, they must be purchased through the UUA bookstore.

Besides Unitarian Universalism, we will emphasize world religions, liberal theology and spirituality. We will collect a variety of resources, but will mainly collect adult non-fiction.

We will gladly accept donations of print and audio-visual materials that are in a format widely used for the past five years. Resources in good condition that fit with our mission and collection development policy will become part of our collection. We will properly dispose of any items we cannot add to our collection. All proceeds from any sales of items will go to the UUCA budget. We will accept donations of resources produced by UUCA members when the materials fall within our mission. We are unable to accept resources in outdated formats and magazines.

Borrowing Policy

The Martha Celeste Griffith Library operates on the Honor System. All are asked to practice good stewardship as items are borrowed and returned. Materials may be borrowed for a period of one month with the option to renew for another month. Borrowing records will be maintained by the librarian. Once a quarter, those with overdue books will receive reminders.

Please use the sign-out sheets provided. Renewals will be handled by the Librarian. Books that are returned should be placed on the top shelf of the book cart.

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