



## Fellowship Bible Church of New Braunfels Children's Library

### **Mission statement**

To be a resource that introduces FBC families to great books that will encourage their kids to read and build them up spiritually.

### **Book selection guidelines**

We will prioritize Christian books, book by Christian authors, classics, missionary biographies, and other books that may not be available at our public libraries. We aim to select books that kids are excited to read and contain excellent writing and storytelling.

While some books, specifically fantasy, may contain references magic, books selected will never portray witches or witchcraft positively. "Magic" on the other hand is sometimes employed by Christian authors as a representation of the supernatural and can be portrayed as a force for good. An example would be C.S. Lewis's "Deep Magic" in the Chronicles of Narnia.

Books will rightly portray Biblical truth. We will be especially picky about the wording in picture books. While some books might possibly have romantic elements (e.g. classics like Anne of Green Gables), we will not stock "teen romance" books, even Christian ones. "Young women of Jerusalem, I charge you, do not stir up or awaken love until the appropriate time." Song of Solomon 8:4 CSB

### **Donation policy**

While we welcome donations from church families, not every book may be deemed appropriate or necessary for our church library collection. If your books are not chosen, they will be placed in a giveaway bin and/or donated to Comal Thrift Shoppe (unless otherwise instructed).

### **Book request procedure**

Families may request book purchases. Please keep in mind our priorities (Christian books, books by Christian authors, and classics). Please fill out the form on the website to request a book purchase. We will do our best to notify you if your purchase is approved.

### **Book challenges**

If you believe we have stocked a book that is inappropriate for our church family in some way, please speak with Carolyn Leiloglou.

