

Special points of interest:

- The *Plainfield Public Library* has many resources available to area ministers and interested community members such as Bible concordances.
- The *Anchor Bible* series located in the 200s of the Library's non-fiction area can help researchers with specific areas of biblical study.
- We offer a variety of different viewpoints about Bible studies in the 200s of the Library's non-fiction area. These range from those of Hans Küng to Bart Ehrman, to Elaine Pagels.
- The Library has religious materials of various kinds for use in both English and Spanish.
- The Library's *Reference Department* can show you how to access web sites such as *Project Gutenberg*, which allows free electronic access to texts such as *The Bible*.

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Bible Study and Worship Resources

Plainfield Public Library Pathfinder

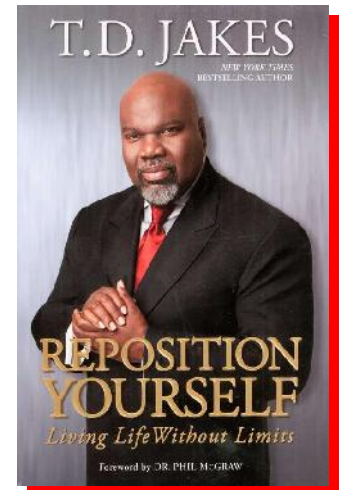
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Overview

Perhaps you have a Bible study project to research as a project leader or a participant at your local church. The *Plainfield Public Library* can be a key starting point or an all-purpose research site for your spiritual interests. We can show you how to use resources such as our electronic catalog to find specific subjects or authors of interest in your research quest.

If you are a minister and need to contextualize a passage for a sermon with its source, try one of our **Biblical concordances**, such as *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance: Showing Every Word of the Text of the Common English Version of the Canonical Books, and Every Occurrence of Each Word in Regular Order, Together with Dictionaries of the Hebrew and Greek Words of the Original, with References to the English Words*.

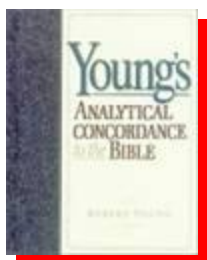
If you have just moved to Plainfield and wish to see a list of all the area churches, synagogues, or mosques, Google the Library's web site at www.plainfieldlibrary.info and under the "Research Tools" tab, select "Community Guide" and then "Social Services" from the drop down menu choices. From the list of links, choose "Churches and Religion Resources". Also, consult the electronic resources guide of this pathfinder for further assistance.



The library has many religious resources, such as works by the popular theologian, T.D. Jakes.

Highlighted Religious Resources

- *The Anchor Bible Series* volumes, located generally in the 224-226 Dewey Decimal area of the Library (for assistance in locating these volumes, ask a Reference Librarian)
- *Ask and You Shall Receive: A Fundraising Training Program for Religious Organizations and Projects: Leader Manual*, by Kim Klein, call # 254.8 KLE
- *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, by Robert Young, call # R 220.52 YOU
- *The King James Study Bible*, by C.I. Scofield, call # R 220.5 KIN
- *Bible Story Bulletin Boards: Stories, Activities and Patterns*, by Mary McMillan, call # JA 268 MCM



Here is an example of one of the Library's Biblical concordances, used to contextualize words in their primary

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

From Proverbs 9:9 in The New King James Version

Books

- *The Holy Bible (King James Version)*, call # 220.52 BIB
- *Tanakh = [Tanakh]: the Holy Scriptures, the new JPS translation according to the traditional Hebrew text, (variant title = Torah, Nevi'im, Kethuvim)*, call # 221.52 BIB
- *Santa Biblia: NVI, Nueva Versión Internacional*, call # SPANISH 220.561 SAN
- *The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation, and Commentary*, call # R 297 K8A
- *What the Gospels Meant*, by Gary Wills, call # 226.06 WIL
- *The New American Judaism: The Way Forward on Challenging Issues from Intermarriage to Jewish Identity*, by Arthur C. Blecher, call # 296 BLE
- *Middle Church*, by Robert Edgar, call # 277.308 EDG
- *The Faith Club: A Muslim, Christian, Jew-- Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner, call # 201.5 IDL
- *Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy, and the West*, by Benazir Bhutto, call # 954.91 BHU
- *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions*, by Karen Armstrong call # 200.901 ARM

Articles

- *Interfaith Youth Movement for Peace*. Walsh, Josh, *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*; Aug2008, Vol. 27 Issue 6, p60-61, 2p, 1 Color Photograph.
- *Survey Finds Americans Flexible on Faith Tenets and Interpretations*. *Christian Century*; 7/15/2008, Vol. 125 Issue 14, p18-18, 1/2p.
- *Faith in America*. Sheler, Jeffery L. , *U.S. News & World Report*; 5/6/2002, Vol. 132 Issue 15, p40, 5p, 1 Color Photograph, 6 Charts, 1 Graph, 1 Map.
- *Faith in America*. Feerick, Jack, *Saturday Evening Post*; Nov/Dec2009, Vol. 281 Issue 6, p44-51, 8p
- *Be Awake*. Moore, Mary Beth, *America*; 04/02/2001, Vol. 184 Issue 11, p23-24, 2p.



To enrich your Bible study group sessions or church projects, you can use the Library as a springboard for ideas and activities.

Online Resources

- www.fundraiserinsight.org/groups/tipsforchurchfundraisers.html
- plainfieldnj.areaconnect.com/churches.htm
- www.biblestudytools.com
- www.nccusa.org
- www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page
- www.homefirstinc.org/aboutus_history.php
- www.upci.org
- www.catholic.org
- www.abc-usa.org
- www.umc.org
- www.elca.org
- www.pcusa.org
- www.church-of-christ.org
- www.iamepiscopal.org
- www.ag.org
- www.mormon.org
- www.ucc.org
- www.church-of-christ.org
- www.adventist.org
- www.watchtower.org
- www.uua.org
- www.christianforums.com/f11
- www.synagogues.com