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Greetings from the CLN!!

What happened to the summer? How did your summer reading club go? We'd love to hear about it on the CLN. We are all looking for ideas for next summer. Click [here](#) to share your experiences.

If you have not visited the CLN lately, take a [look](#) at the interesting discussions and respond to questions that have been posted lately. Jump in and participate in these discussions. Love the way we learn from each other on the CLN!!

Church Library Vision Statement

Donna Duncan from First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia recently joined the CLN. She shared their need to develop a vision statement that will help them serve their 21st Century church. One of our realizations in recent years has been the importance of our church libraries connecting in strategic ways to the vision statements of our churches. Let's start a discussion on how our library teams have done that. If you have established a vision statement for your church library, click [here](#) to share how you did that and how you use this vision of where your team wants to be in the future in your planning process.

Equipping Church Librarians for Ministry

What if? We may have an opportunity to move our [Equipping Church Librarians for Ministry tool](#) to an online course format. Now that our resource [Information Service for Church Library Ministry](#) is digitized, we *may* have the ability to provide the course assignments in a format with the pieces of the resource that relate to the course assignments. For example, the chapter on Administration would have the reading assignment in the same place as reflection questions and course actions based on the reading. One appealing part of this opportunity is the option to video tape demonstrations of aspects of our ministry. We are curious if that would interest you. Email your response to this opportunity to morlee.maynard@lifeway.com.

"We Just Started!"

We are seeing an increase in the number of our new CLN members saying they are starting libraries in their churches. So for all of you that have been serving in your church libraries for years, now is your opportunity to share what you have learned through the years. The question? **If you started a new library now, what would you focus on as you get started?** Click [here](#) to share your thoughts.

So what are you doing during the Fall months? We'd love to see your [pictures](#) and [read](#) about your themes!

Let's stay in touch here at the CLN!! May our circle of prayerful support strengthen our ministries.

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