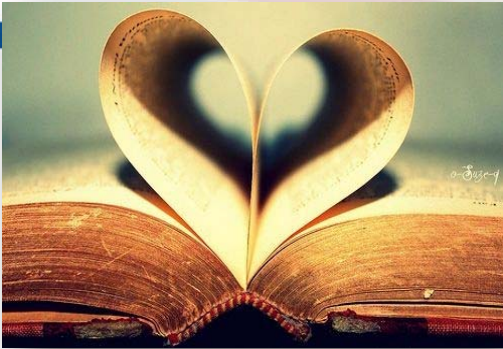


Training Opportunities

- ◆ State-wide conferences sponsored by VCLA in the Spring and Fall. Details are published in the VCLA newsletter twice a year and posted on our website.
- ◆ Regional and local association training events.
- ◆ National conferences.
- ◆ Information on resources for self-study.
- ◆ Mentoring services to assist and support individual churches to establish or revitalize their libraries.



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Who We Are

The Virginia Church Library Association (VCLA) is an organization dedicated to promoting Christian ministries through church libraries of all denominations.

Our Purposes

- ◆ To promote church library ministries in the State of Virginia and beyond.
- ◆ To assist churches in establishing or revitalizing church libraries.
- ◆ To inform and train church library workers.
- ◆ To provide a strong support network for church library workers.
- ◆ To promote the correlation of the church library ministry with all ministries of the church.
- ◆ To help pastoral staff and church program leaders understand the ministry of the church library and its resources.

Our History

VCLA was first organized by church librarians on November 12, 1958, at Virginia Beach, Virginia as the State Church Library Convention of Virginia. In 1960 the first Spring Workshop was held at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center and members worked to open the Media Center there in 1974. The church name was adopted in 2014. The organization voted in 1996 to

publish a semi-annual newsletter and collect individual membership dues. Today it is a voluntary organization of church librarians and library workers who are dedicated to the support and advancement of church library ministries. Current ministry partners include LifeWay Christian Resources and others, while welcoming new partnerships to enhance the effectiveness of this ministry.



Have you checked out your
church library?
You'll find loads of great
books and resources
for all ages!



How to Participate

Contact a VCLA Executive Committee member (info on our website: www.vacla.org) or your association office to connect with local church library workers.

- ◆ Encourage your church to establish a church library by electing a director and staff and by including this ministry in the church budget.
- ◆ Encourage your church library staff to attend conferences.
- ◆ Join VCLA by paying annual dues of \$20 to the treasurer.
- ◆ Volunteer to work in the VCLA organization or to mentor others in your area.

