

Message from the Library Director

We at South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library promote information literacy. To that end, we have provided easy access to a wide range of Books and Reference materials, including: Theological & Bible related books, periodicals, CD Collection, DVD's and a new high tech computer lab. It is our hope that you will use these excellent research tools to aid your studies so that you will become lifelong learners. There is power in information; however we all must know how to retrieve that information properly from all different types of resources. To be well rounded in



your studies, your intake of information must come from varied and reliable resources, both written and electronic. It is important to collaboratively design your research between what you learn from your professors, your textbooks, and in-depth research using the library in order to master disciplinary content and information literacy. ¹

The Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library at South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary has over 10,000 books in its Library Collection and is cataloged under the Dewey Decimal System that has a user friendly numbering system allowing for easy access to all materials. Our Reference Section includes a variety of general and Biblically based atlases, commentaries, dictionaries, encyclopedias, Greek & Hebrew lexicons, and thesauri. Our book range is from the 000 - 999's in the Dewey Decimal System covering all subject areas. Although our Library is relatively small, you will discover it is specialized, and as such, the bulk of our research materials include: journals, CD's, DVD's, theological databases, and books that are in the 200's - Religion range of Dewey.

Our Library Handbook, as well as a list of the headings and subcategory numbers of the Dewey Decimal System will be provided to each student through our library website <http://www.sfbc.edu/> and Populi, our student based access portal for SFBC information. Several hardcopies of the Library Handbook will be at the Circulation Desk and in the computer lab for student use, (Please do not remove these copies from the library.)

We are proud to announce that as of 2011 - 2012 our entire library collection has been updated and cataloged with The Follett-Destiny Library Catalog Services, an on-line database. The electronic card catalog is the index to all books, CD's and DVD's owned, inventoried, and circulated through the South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary Library. Our library collection can now be easily accessed from the SFBC Library computers or from any computer with an Internet connection. The classrooms as well as our library have wireless access throughout.

¹ *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning*. American Library Association, Chicago, 1998.

Next door to the library is a student lounge where students may read at their leisure, have coffee, interact with other students in discussion groups, or watch the latest news or view a DVD on our flat screen TV.

Most importantly, it is our hope that you will find our library a comfortable environment in which to learn, and a professional library staff ready to serve your information needs, by assisting students, faculty, and staff in answering any questions about the library, locating materials, and ultimately ascertaining information needed for research, whether it be written or electronic.

Please enjoy using the South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary Steven R. Sylvester Memorial Library as much as we have enjoyed planning it for your use, research and learning.

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