

Books That Matter

A space where Tanya Wiles-Bell, our leader in Christian education, shares her thoughts on books that matter.

Leaside United Church has a wonderful collection of books, for children and parents, available to borrow. They are located on a bookshelf on the right side of the sanctuary (Also known as the transept).

Azzi In Between ~ by Sarah Garland

Hardly a day goes by that we don't hear something in the news about the refugee crisis. For children this news can be very scary and yet very surreal. They have no context to understand what it means to have to leave everything behind to escape to safety. **Azzi In Between** tells such a story. While heart wrenching in places, this is a tenderly told story about Azzi's family as they flee from war, arrive in a strange new country, learn a new language and ultimately find happiness in their new home. There is a graphic novel feel to this book, but I wouldn't classify it as such. The pictures are rich in detail and offer a very personal glimpse into Azzi's family. This is not a story for the very young, but for those children 7 years old and up, it offers a wonderful introduction to what being a refugee means.

