

## JUNE, 2025 HUGH STOUPPE MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome, Summer! Enjoy your special day this month, dads.

New in the church library this month:

### Books

1. *As I Crossed a Bridge of Dreams* by an anonymous 11<sup>th</sup> Century C.E. Japanese Buddhist lady noble translated into English by Ivan Morris Part of the library's Japan Collection in honor of missionary and former Youth Director Matt Barany. A poetic journal for adult readers.
2. *Harp of Burma* by Michio Takeyama, translated from the Japanese into English by Howard Hibbett. A pacifist novel. Mainichi Prize winner. A UNESCO Collection of Contemporary Works translated book. Teen and adult readers. Part of the library's Japan Collection in honor of missionary and former Youth Director Matt Barany. Kon Ichikawa's live action film version is also available on dvd to borrow from the church library.
3. *The Legend of the Poinsettia* by Tomie dePaola. Illustrated by the author picture book back in the library for young readers!

### DVDs

1. *Hakuchi (The Idiot)* Japan 1951 black-and-white 166 minutes subtitled live action feature drama adapted from the novel by Fyodor Dostoevsky Director: Akira Kurosawa with Toshiro Mifune, Setsuko Hara, Takashi Shimura, Masayuki Mori, and Yoshiko Kuga filmed in winter in Hokkaido A must-see classic for adult viewers. In your librarian's view, Kurosawa's greatest film.

2. *Waga seishun ni kuinashi (No Regrets for Our Youth)* Japan 1946  
black-and-white 110 minutes subtitled live action feature pacifist drama  
Director: Akira Kurosawa starring Setsuko Hara in an amazing performance  
Suitable viewing for teens and adults.
3. *Subarashiki nichiyobi (One Wonderful Sunday)* Japan 1947 black-and-white  
109 minutes subtitled live action feature musical romance  
Director: Akira Kurosawa Kurosawa's only excursion directly into either the  
musical or the romance genres. Certainly he's a fish out of water in both of  
them. Not recommended. Shades of Frank Capra films of the 1930s and 1920s  
silents by Frank Borzage. Extremely slow-paced.
4. *Shubun (Scandal)* Japan 1950 black-and-white 105 minutes  
subtitled live action feature social drama with famous Christmas scene  
Director: Akira Kurosawa starring Toshiro Mifune and Takashi Shimura  
The film immediately preceding *Rashomon* and arguably just as finely directed.  
Adult viewing. N.B.: *Rashomon* is also available on dvd to borrow from your  
church library.
5. *Ikimono no kiroku (I Live in Fear a.k.a. Record of a Living Being)* Japan 1955  
black-and-white 103 minutes subtitled live action feature drama (that began  
as a satire) Director: Akira Kurosawa Co-starring Toshiro Mifune and  
Takashi Shimura. Famous scenes include the opening and closing. Arguably,  
Mifune's greatest acting performance, which is saying plenty. Features theremin  
music also. Adult viewing.

What your librarian has been reading: 1. Thomas More's *Utopia* in English translation.

2. *As I Crossed a Bridge of Dreams* in English translation. See New Books above.
3. *The Harp of Burma* in English translation. See New Books above.

New Music Video Playlists now available to audit and watch on YouTube:

1. Who's Afraid of Band Music?
2. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Star Singers

2025 Hugh Stouppe Library Checkout Goal: 100 checkouts

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