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April 17 and 18 “The Future of Journalism” video brought interested viewers into the Reading Room. Copies of the new weekly edition and information about the history of the Monitor were available and were shared with business neighbors in the area.



April 19 Singing members from ten churches from throughout our area enjoyed our open house to practice the new hymns, “make a joyful noise” and learn more about the RR.

REGIONAL READING ROOM WORKSHOP OCTOBER 10

Check our website activity calendar for this date to find complete information on how to sign up!



Monitor Weekly Edition Launch

The Downtown Reading Room joined the open houses held at RR’s throughout the world to promote the new *Christian Science Monitor* weekly edition.

**On Monday, April 20, the panel discussion
.....“Objectivity, Balance, and Trust in Print Media”**

welcomed participants, David Boardman, Editor of *The Seattle Times*, Michelle Nicolosi, Executive Producer for SeattlePI.com, Sarah Jeglum, Editor of the *University of Washington Daily*, Chris Mitchell, Co-Owner and Producer of *Northwest Prime Time* and Brad Knickerbocker, writer and editor for *csmonitor.com* and *The Monitor*. Moderator Hanson Hosein of the University of Washington, Master of Media in Communication welcomed the audience of more than 50 individuals, many newcomers to a Christian Science Reading Room.

The animated panel discussion stimulated comments from the audience right from the start. The recording of the entire program can be accessed through our website with the “Special Events” tab.

During the four-day open House over 120 copies of the new *Monitor* weekly edition were shared with grateful recipients. Virtually all the Monitors available offered at the panel discussion were taken and several of the guest panelists accepted Monitor subscriptions. It is a joy to know that the editor of the largest daily print paper in our state will now be receiving the new weekly Monitor.

There is much more fruitage to share. Please call the RR for a copy of the full report or go to www.seattlecsdrr.com.





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Reminders:

Sentinel Radio broadcasts are on KVI AM 570 and on KVI.com on Sundays at 7 a.m.

The internet editions of the **Weekly Bible Lesson** are now available at ebiblelesson.com and mybiblelesson.com. We have the video edition available to watch in the Reading Room.

Science and Health Shared.....

A man looking into the Reading Room one morning, came in and went straight to a large print Bible located near the window. He sat down and began to earnestly study the Bible. After a few moments he got up and left. He returned about a week later and again went straight to the Bible and opened to the chapter "Genesis". A staff member showed him *Science and Health* open to the chapter about Genesis and shared that the book had really helped in study of the Bible. The man gave thanks and asked that the title be written down so he could purchase it later when he had more money. He was assured that he could come in and read any time he wished free of charge. As he waited, the man began to read *Science and Health*. He suddenly got up and exclaimed, "I need to buy this book now!" He then happily purchased *Science and Health* and went on his way.

A woman new to Christian Science came in. She browsed through various books and periodicals and finally came to *Science and Health*. She spent a quiet moment reading by the bookshelf. She was invited to make herself comfortable and spend as much time as she liked studying. She appreciated this and spent a little more time reading, then purchased a copy of *Science and Health*, collected lecture invitations from the front desk, and took a share pack with her.

A young man came in asking for change for the bus. He then looked around and asked, "What is Christian Science?" He was told that Christian Science is not Scientology and was then shown the tenets of Christian Science from the textbook. At that point, he asked to purchase a copy.

More Fruitage and Blessings.....

A father and daughter visiting Seattle for the first time came in to browse while visiting colleges throughout the area. They had never been in a Christian Science Reading Room before. They were shown around, and told briefly about Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, and *Science and Health* and its healing message. The girl looked at her father and said, "Maybe this could help Mom". She and her dad agreed to buy it for her. They were given a share pack and wished a fruitful journey.

On-going blessing. An occasional visitor comes into the Reading Room for spiritual refreshment. She loves that she can go into the study room for a few minutes and read the Bible. Her job can be stressful, and she feels like the Reading Room offers her a spiritual oasis in her work day. A staff member introduced her to the Lesson Sermon which she has also enjoyed. She expresses much gratitude that we are here.

A recent visitor, new to Christian Science and the *Monitor* thoughtfully listened to some explanations about Christian Science, read the Tenets, and then sat down to read the paper. He thanked the staff member for their discussion, and remarked that the paper was wonderfully balanced. He was given one of the seed copies from the Open House and a share pack. He said he planned to return.

International Visitors...

Guests from Ghana, Ukraine, China, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, Quebec, Japan, Honduras, Peru, Cameroon, Korea and India visited the RR.

Spanish Saturday has enjoyed activity this Quarter with members from First Church, Seattle and First Church, Renton as our Spanish-speaking facilitators. Volunteers have been faithful and prayerfully supportive. One guest who attended the lecture in February came to Spanish Saturday in March.

**Check our
Website for the
latest news and
audio playback of
the Monitor panel
at www.seattlecsdrr.com.**

Sharing and Healing Activities.....

Late on a Saturday a young man came in to browse. He was curious about Christian Science and was told about Mary Baker Eddy and *Science and Health*. As a college student majoring in philosophy, his appreciation of religion had grown. The staff member told him he would love the thinking he found in *Science and Health*, and he picked up a copy to look at – and after a few minutes bought it. He was already familiar with *The Monitor* from high school debate team, and gratefully accepted a prior date copy of the weekly edition as well as a *Sentinel*. The staff member was certain that this young man would thoughtfully read the book.

A young woman from Montreal found herself in Seattle, having mistakenly boarded a train for Vancouver, Washington for a meeting with her mother in Canada. When she discovered the error, she got off in Seattle and had some free time before catching the train to British Columbia. While walking through downtown Seattle she came upon the Reading Room. After a thoughtful conversation about Christian Science with the staff member, she bought *Science and Health*. Surely an interesting way for one to find the textbook!



A young woman came into the Reading Room one afternoon just before closing time. She was in tears, completely distraught and disheveled. Through her tears she asked if God would love her even if she had done something wrong. She was assured repeatedly of God's unconditional, constant love for everyone. While the staff member spoke with her and was reaching for something to put in her hand to take with her, she turned and rushed out the door. Moved by this picture, the staff member silently prayed to know God was with this woman and would give her just the answers she needed to bring comfort. Several weeks later the woman came in the door of the Reading Room, all smiles and said, "Remember me?" She was happy, clean and orderly, and the staff member needed her reminder of who she was! She spoke of her last visit when she had come in tears, and said she had gone home that night and spent three hours reading her Bible, and finding great comfort. After that prayer and study she went forward with her life and found wonderful answers to the problems confronting her, and promise in her experience where there had appeared to be failure and closed doors. She sat in the Reading Room for a short time sharing thoughts about the Bible, and learning about the Bible Lesson. She left with smiles and thanks.



Meet Sharon Cooper, our new Assistant Librarian. She has a solid business background, years of service in church work, a deep love of Christian Science and a desire to serve the Cause.