

## **SACRED TEXT EXHIBIT DETAILS FOR 2023**

Once again, we have an exceptional opportunity for the Sacred Text exhibit! Daviess County Public Library is offering us space so that we can take advantage of weekend foot traffic—as well as those attending because of Faith Fest promotions. Lisa Maiden has reserved the second floor meeting room for us.

Do you have a special book or collection that you would like to show to the wider faith community so they could learn about your Tradition? We would love to have you join us! If at all possible, the library would like to have us available with our books to answer questions about them and our Traditions.

They always have someone from the library staff on duty to monitor things and direct traffic to the display. Of course, I will be there the entire time as well. Although this seems a very short time for viewing, it generally allows a real teaching moment. In previous years, we have had a couple dozen substantive conversations with library patrons—and a few more casual ones.

**The venue** is for public viewing of actual texts (except for Sri Guru Grant Sahib Ji and the scrolls of Temple Adath Israel, of course) on Saturday, 4 Nov from 10 am- 1 pm.

**Our keynote** presentation will be offered in conjunction with the exhibit: *The Art of Spiritual Discernment* by Rev. Dr. Rebekah Wagner @ 10:30 am (approximately 30 minutes.) Dr. Wagner is a spiritual director, a pastoral care specialist in palliative care/hospice, and a retired hospital chaplain. She is also a person of deep personal spirituality and compassion experienced in meeting people in the midst of everydayness as well as crisis. She will speak about the process of spiritual decision-making; she will reference Christian Scriptures.

So here's all we need to make this all happen:

- Let me know if you plan to participate in this opportunity. You can reach me @ (270) 683-1462 or <a href="mailto:hermitstuff@bellsouth.net">hermitstuff@bellsouth.net</a> or let me know if I need to contact someone else not on my mailing list.
- If you are willing to loan us a Sacred Text for Saturday, 4 Nov, but do not have someone from your community able to attend, please let me know that as well. We'd still like to feature your text:
  - o You can drop it off to the Library in care of Lisa Maiden and then pick it up after Saturday.
  - o I am also willing to pick up books earlier in that week. Contact me as above.

We will treat your book with great respect.

- Books are displayed with a page of description by a scholar in the Tradition. This usually tells a viewer things like when it was revealed, written or compiled, how it is used in study or worship, how it is treated or displayed in worship, etc. If there's something special I need to know about displaying a text that you won't be accompanying, please be sure to contact me in advance so I can type it up.
- Invite your members to come and see the great variety of Scriptures, commentaries, and prayer books of the communities of our area.

Thank you for your help, Claudia

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