

Our online library catalog has added some exciting, new features. *Library Thing for Libraries* (LTFL) was added on June 1st, bringing the fun and interactivity of Web 2.0. This means that most books in our online catalog now—

- Allow you to write your own book reviews and submit them to the catalog;
- Include a linked list of “similar” books for your perusal;
- Have tag words that are in the vernacular or more popular wording than authorized Library of Congress Subject Headings. Clicking on these tags broadens your search instantly. For example, “Emerging church” is not a Library of Congress Subject Heading, yet many of our books deal with this important topic. Now these books can be more easily found. One caveat however, these tags will not necessarily appear in a Keyword search of the online catalog. You can search them by clicking on any tag and when the tag window appears, type in the tag word in the search box at the top;
- Offer the ability to suggest tag words for books (Only for those who already have a personal *Library Thing* account; those of you who already use this software for your personal libraries will be able to request tags);*
- Contain book reviews from journals along with publisher descriptions; and
- Give you the opportunity to rate books as helpful or not so helpful, similar to Amazon.

Check it out for yourself. Perhaps you want some books on “culture, the emerging church, or postmodernism”—not typical Subject Headings in the Library of Congress system. However, several of our books will now carry those popular “tags.”

For example, search for Mike Wittmer’s newest book, *Don't stop believing: why living like Jesus is not enough*. Notice that it has Tags for “emerging church,” “postmodernism,” “culture,” etc—none of which are given as LC subject headings. Click on any of these tags and you will get a whole new list of books that use these same tags. See also the list of “Similar Books,” and a link to Reviews (written by LT users).

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