



Inspiration



Photo from *Monitor* event coordinated by Christine Negley in Newport Beach, California

and

Sharing from Kay Weed in Ithaca, New York

*It was such fun to be part of the DIA Welcome Student Weekend Scavenger Hunt with 20 other downtown businesses! The Christian Science Reading Room was identified on the map and "The Scavenger Hunt Checklist"—with the clue: **Find the photo of sugar cane on page 29 of the "Reparations" focus Christian Science Monitor Weekly, then take a picture and post it to your***

Instagram story and tag #WelcomeStudentWeekend2023". The 2023 theme of the hunt was "plants," so each shop's clue was to be plant related.

We had the "Reparations" issue, along with a dozen or so other issues spread out on the big table in the back room, as well as the GOD sheet and Science and Health. And we offered mint water, with freshly picked garden mint, which proved to be quite popular. Because the picture they were to find was in the back room, the students needed to walk and look around the entire Reading Room -- we needed to tell them to "keep going" to find the picture! One Cornell student who came in by himself, looking around the back room said, "So what is this place?" He was told that it was a bookstore and a place to explore spirituality, a deeper sense of purpose, deeper sense of identity and meaning. "I'll have to check it out," he said.

Then, after the Scavenger Hunt closed at 5:00, two students came in at 5:15 to look around. They came up to the desk and noticed the copies of the window posters. When one read, "Freed from caffeine dependence," she said, "I should read this." She took a copy and the two went to sit in the wing chairs. In the meantime, a man had walked in and was looking thoughtfully at our CSM wall map, so I went over to talk with him. He said he had lived in Boston, so knew of the "majestic" church and the reflecting pool. He also mentioned that he had taught art at one point. Said he had come downtown to go to the State of the Art Gallery where two friends had exhibits, to go to Chanticleer to talk with a former student of his who was bartending, "and then I thought I'd stop in here!" Said he had always admired the map, "but I've never come in before." There was such a warm sense that he felt "the substance of good" in each of the three places. He knew of Monitor, unlike the students who had never heard of it, and as we talked he asked if I could give him "a pamphlet to give the general sense of the philosophy." I had just been talking with another church member about the great clarity of the "From the editors" piece in the Weekly featuring "Portland vs. Fentanyl." It seemed to beautifully capture the essence of the Monitor and Christian Science, so it felt very natural to point that out to him and give him a complimentary copy. The two students had left during our conversation, saying "Thank you so much!" The man looked around before leaving and said, "It feels so welcoming here -- I notice these things."

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If you'd like to hear Kay and Christine talk more about hosting *Monitor* events, please join us for our first in our fall series of Zoom chats. Different than a webinar, these chats will allow more discussion among librarians. Additionally, they will not be recorded. If you're not able to come to the live event, but like this topic, please let [Jan Sappenfield](#) know. With enough interest, we'll schedule a more chats. These chats are open to everyone

Fall Zoom chat series

1. How to Hold a CSM Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 26, 2:00 PM Boston time

<https://christianscience.zoom.us/j/91209158758>

2. How to Sustain an Active RR that is Located in the Church

Thursday, October 19, 2:30 PM Boston Time

<https://christianscience.zoom.us/j/99972086623>

3. All About Windows! (making posters/using Dropbox, digital displays)

Tuesday, November 28, 2:00 PM Boston Time

<https://christianscience.zoom.us/j/92144219859>

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To find more inspiration, please visit the inspirational articles section on the [Reading Room Resources](#) page of christianscience.com. The inspirational articles, which are a mix of current and older articles, are found about halfway down the page. They get refreshed monthly.

We want to hear from you! How have members of your church and Reading Room staff been praying in support of the healing activity of your Reading Room? Please send your submissions to: opendoors@csps.com.

NEW PRODUCTS

PRICE DECREASE: Red Chalk Holder

We are delighted to share a significant price decrease on our red chalk holder from \$30.00 to \$12.00. We are replacing the Red Metal Chalk Holder (G600G50021EN) with a new, nearly identical, Red 5mm Chalk Holder (G600G50022EN). The following factors have allowed us to implement this price change: a change in packaging, a piece of chalk will no longer be included, and a new agreement with the manufacturer.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Red 5mm Chalk Holder	G600G50022EN	\$9.00(USD)	\$12.00(USD)

PRICE INCREASE: Blue 5mm Chalk

The Blue 5mm Chalk price has increased due to rising costs from our supplier.

Name	Product number	Reading Room price	Suggested Retail price
Blue 5mm Chalk	G600G50634EN	\$26.00(USD)	\$30.00(USD)

COMING SOON: Variety Pack 11mm Chalk

CSPS will soon begin selling new wider 11mm chalk. It will be more economical and come in a variety pack of blues and purples. More details will be coming soon.

CURRENT PRODUCTS

Resources to help share *The Christian Science Monitor*



The Christian Science Monitor has taken a step unique in the news industry by focusing on the *values* behind the news—values that connect us all, including hope, cooperation, and compassion. These provide readers a deeper view of the news and highlight the solutions that unite rather than divide.

This approach is reflected by founder Mary Baker Eddy's description of the *Monitor's* purpose: "To injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

You can explore the *Monitor's* values journalism at CSMonitor.com/Values.

To help Reading Rooms share the *Monitor* with those searching for a news source with an uplifting, purposeful mission they can trust, promotional materials (posters, flyers, fact sheet, digital slides, and an announcement you may include in your own church's communications) are provided in the Reading Room Press Kit. Additional materials will be added as they are ready. Visit ChristianScience.com/rrdropbox to download the press kit.

Interested in sharing a photo of your display? Let us know how your Reading Room is sharing the *Monitor* with your community by emailing us at opendoors@csp.com. Thank you for your support of the *Monitor*.

An upcoming series from *The Christian Science Monitor*

"Climate Generation: Born into crisis, building solutions"

Coming in November: A global project by the *Monitor's* Americas Bureau Chief, [Sara Miller Llana](#), and Environment and Climate Change writer, [Stephanie Hanes](#), will look at climate change as the world's most powerful driver of innovation and progress – a transformation that one generation in particular is poised to lead.

The series will focus on the role of those born after the UN's significant codification of children's rights in 1989 in addressing climate change. The stories will include vivid *Monitor* photography, and will be written from Indigenous Northern Canada, Bangladesh, Namibia, and Barbados.

The first story launches in early November and will be followed by weekly individual cover stories for six weeks through late December. Each article will be featured in the Weekly and on the *Monitor's* website with a dedicated, interactive landing page to explore and share. Reading Rooms will have the opportunity to request additional copies of the Weekly issues.

An upcoming Reading Room press kit will include supporting promotional materials (fact sheet, posters, digital slides, and more), added to the Reading Room Dropbox in time to share with your community in creative ways.

Thank you for your support in sharing *The Christian Science Monitor* with your community!

Discover JSH-Online's Mary Baker Eddy Collection (date of first announcement 7/24/2023)

Learn how Mary Baker Eddy's founding of Christian Science still offers inspiration today in JSH-Online's recent collection, "[Mary Baker Eddy: Her enduring discovery.](#)" Authors in this collection describe how studying Mary Baker Eddy's work gave them a more spiritual understanding of their careers and identities that enabled them to overcome limitations. Through sharing their experiences, the authors also explore the important role Christian Science has played in science, art, womanhood, and more. You can download bookmarks, flyers, and posters from the Reading Room Dropbox to share this collection with your community.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Reading Room webinars

Please join us for our annual holiday webinar. This 90-minute presentation will feature representatives from across departments of The Mother Church and the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm Boston time. [Register here.](#)

[In case you missed it: Reading Room webinar replays](#)

From Concord

Did you miss the Concord webinar "Top 5 tools to help you get more out of Concord"?

[Watch the replay!](#)

Some of the features you'll get to see in action include:

- Wildcard and range searches
- Favorites
- Scriptural cross-references
- Lists
- Using Print Preview to reorder citations

DISPLAY AND PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES

Thinking about Thanksgiving

As we are thinking about Thanksgiving, we'd like to remind you what is available. As in past years, the Bible Lesson will be available in a variety of formats and languages. You can find Thanksgiving promotional materials, including Save the Date cards, in the Reading Room Dropbox. There will not be new art created for promotional pieces this year, but the beautiful art that has been available previously is available again. In addition, you can also find the covers to the Thanksgiving Bible Lessons in English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Display Resources

Approved Providers Program

Easy, affordable, and convenient! Approved Providers offer a wide range of services to help you with your window display needs.

- Have an idea for a Reading Room or Sunday School poster? An Approved Provider will work with you to create something special.
- Need a display and a vinyl banner for a Reading Room booth at an upcoming event?
An Approved Provider is happy to help you!

- Want to easily print CSPS-produced promotional materials? An Approved Provider can ship them to you in just a few days!
- Interested in even more posters? Approved Providers sell a wide range of original posters on their websites.
- Want professional looking windows? An Approved Provider will work with you to create a unified window display.
- Need recommendations for poster and banner holders? An Approved Provider can help you with this too!

To contact an Approved Provider please see their information below.

[Convenient Posters](#)

[Lyn Drake of Inspired Designs](#)

[Melissa Johnson of MAJ Products](#) (Melissa is located in Melbourne, Australia)

To inquire about applying to become an Approved Provider, or if you have questions about this program, please email approvedprovider@csp.com

QUICK LINKS

Product List	Reading Room Dropbox of Promotional Materials
Discontinued List	All Things Reading Room Forum
Instagram (christianscience.com)	Monitor Special Events Order Form
Facebook (christianscience.com)	

Customer Service

Customer service will be closed Monday October 9, 2023 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

- Visit the Reading Room Resource Center at <http://christianscience.com/readingrooms>.
- To inquire about ordering issues of *The Christian Science Monitor* for your event, please email sales@csp.com.

Product orders and questions; account and billing questions:

- **Email:** csrrcustserv@cdfsfulfillment.com
- **Phone:** 1-800-877-8400 (US/CAN) or +1-515-362-7463 (outside US/CAN) Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:30 PM Eastern Time

Shop account & online order questions:

- **Email:** Shop@christianscience.com
- **Phone:** +1-617-450-2790, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

General questions:

- **Email:** OpenDoors@csp.com
- **Phone:** +1-617-450-3138, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:15 PM Eastern Time (closed on Fridays in June–early September).

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