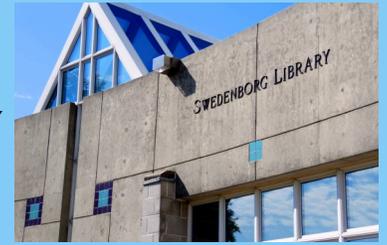


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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



HOURS

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Mon - Thu 7:30 am - 10 pm
Fri 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sat CLOSED
Sun 5 pm - 10 pm

CHARTER WEEKEND

Thu, Oct. 7 7:30 am - 5 pm
Fri, Oct. 8 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sun, Oct. 10 5 pm - 10 pm

PRE-EXAM WEEK

Mon, Nov. 1 - Thu, Nov. 4
7:30 am - 11 pm
Fri, Nov 5 7:30am - 5pm

EXAM WEEK Regular hours

FALL BREAK

Fri, Nov. 12 - Sun, Nov. 28
Mon - Fri 9 am - 1 pm
Sat - Sun CLOSED
Thu, Nov. 25 & Fri, Nov. 26
CLOSED

Winter Term Begins

Mon, Nov. 29
Resume regular hours

<http://www.brynnathyn.edu/academics/swedenborg-library>

Mini golf returns to the Swedenborg Library!

We were so delighted to be able to welcome students back to campus with another round of mini golf in the library! This is our third annual mini golf event. We had to skip it last year due to the pandemic, so it was particularly exciting to be able to be in person and on the greens with students this fall.



On Monday, August 30, tee times began at 10 am and continued until 8 pm. We were happy to see commuters as well as campus residents team up

in friend groups or play solo. We counted over 100 attendees throughout the day, with many people playing more than once!

A huge shout out to Residential Life who sponsored the cost of renting the greens, clubs, and balls from the start-up company Portable Putt Putt (look them up on Facebook!) who brought the equipment, set it up and dismantled everything very professionally.

We offered snacks on tables outside the library, and of course everyone was masked for pandemic safety. Prizes were awarded for the first few holes-in-one (BAC water bottles), best score (Wawa gift card), and a raffle drawing (Be Well gift card).



Benefits for all players are that they meet the librarians, take a tour of the library, and learn about all of our resources and features. We want to see our students in the library all year, even on days we don't play golf!



Photos by Andi Sibley and Carol Traveny

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Swedenborgiana Updates

On July 13th Marvin Clymer and I delivered thirteen volumes of *The New Jerusalem Messenger*, 1855-1867, to the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts for digitization. These historic volumes, covering an important time in the history of the New Church in America, are extremely large and fragile and required special scanning equipment that we do not have in house. Thanks to a generous grant from the Glencairn Foundation we were able to have them digitized professionally. The photo shows us delivering the journals.



Photo by Gwynne Bevan

Rev. Dr. Andy Dibb and I are in the process of working on a new exhibit using books from Swedenborgiana to illustrate Swedenborg's preparation by the Lord. The exhibit is arranged in six stages of Swedenborg's life from his early life and introduction to the natural sciences to his final revelation. In Rev. Dibb's introductory notes to the exhibit he mentions that Swedenborg was once asked why he was chosen to be the revelator for the New Church. His answer is seen in his letter to Oetinger, November 11, 1766, as follows:

"It is for the reason that the spiritual things which are now being revealed may be taught and understood naturally and rationally; for spiritual truths have correspondence with natural truths, it being in these

*that they terminate, and upon them they rest...therefore, I was introduced by the Lord first into the natural sciences and thus prepared, and this from the year 1710 to 1744 when heaven was opened to me." **

This exhibit will also highlight our special Swedenborgiana collections and illustrate why the early founders of the Academy thought it important to collect these works. We will keep you posted on the opening this fall of the exhibit.

** The Letters and Memorials of Emanuel Swedenborg, volume two. Translated and edited by Alfred Acton, Bryn Athyn, Swedenborg Scientific Association, 1955.*

- Carroll Odhner
Director of Swedenborgiana
and New Church Research



Photo by Marvin Clymer

"All Hours" is the new hangout place on campus!

The space vacated by The College Grounds Café has a new life -- it has been reclaimed for library relaxation. We have two vending machines, a Keurig coffee machine, and a tea kettle for faculty, staff, and students to enjoy. Popular

newspapers and magazines are on display in a rack by the wall. Reading, studying, conversations and just hanging out are all encouraged. We are hoping students' study groups, newly developing friendships, or small groups

of faculty and students will find it to be a pleasant place to meet. It's right next to the newly relocated Friends of the Swedenborg Library Used Book Sale nook near the elevator, so perhaps we will find folks discovering and reading those well-loved volumes...



Photo by Shea Gormley

Academic Success Center News

My name is Carmina Cianciulli, and I am thrilled to be the new Coordinator for the Academic Success Center. A Philadelphia native, I received a BFA with teaching certification from Temple University and an MFA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After careers in graphic design, teaching and industrial design, I have spent most of my professional life as a college administrator, retiring from the Tyler School of Art as Associate Vice Dean.

My passion has always been to help students. In addition to my responsibilities at Bryn Athyn, I'm a mentor for college students through the Snider Youth Hockey Foundation and a Vice Chair of the Occupational



Advisory Committee of the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology. I plan to help Bryn Athyn College students connect with tutoring, find scholarships, and provide any other support they may need to be successful.

I want the Academic Success Center to become a second home for students, a place where they can gather to study, to receive academic coaching, to attend informal workshops,

New Circulation Manager



My name is Briana Meyer, and I am delighted to be the new Circulation Manager. I received a BA in Art History from Tyler School of Art at Temple University, and I am currently earning my MLIS from Pratt Institute.

My professional experience is in non-profit cultural institutions. Previously I worked at the National Museum of American Jewish History and I currently hold a position at the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia.

My interests lie in fostering awareness of library services and supporting my teammates in identifying improvement areas to adapt to students' academic needs. As Circulation Manager, I am committed to removing barriers students might face accessing educational resources and reshaping the construct of the libraries into a community and cultural space, not just physical repositories of knowledge.

Libraries should reflect the communities they serve, and I hope to bring as much warmth to the Swedenborg as the BAC community so freely gives. Look for me at the circulation desk!

20th Anniversary of 9/11

We were happy to receive a set of 14 posters from the NYC 9/11 Memorial Museum. We put up a book display in the area outside the "All Hours" café space. We have 18 books in our collection that address 9/11, terrorism, and the effects of the attack over the past 20

years, including a couple of New Church publications, as well as four journals issued in September and October 2001 that focused on reaction to the tragedy. The museum posters walk us through the events of that terrible day as well as discussing the aftermath, first responders'

heroism, the War on Terrorism, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Many of our students were not yet born that year, or were infants and toddlers. Faculty, staff, and community members have clear, lasting memories of this tragedy and stories to tell.



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Swedenborg Library Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide materials, information, and services to support the academic programs of Bryn Athyn College and to acquire, preserve, and promote New Church collections and archives for use throughout the world.



Chat with a librarian from our library webpage!



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