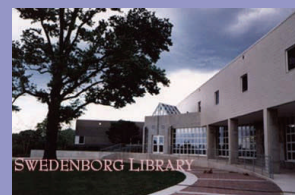


BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

<http://www.brynathyn.edu/Library>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To accommodate student workers' dining hall schedules, beginning March 29, the library will close at 5:30 pm instead of 6 pm each Sunday, this term only. Sunday evening hours (7pm-11pm) will remain the same.

HOURS

• Easter Weekend

April 9 (Thu) 8 am to 6 pm

April 10-12 (Fri-Sun) CLOSED

April 13 (Mon.)

RESUME REGULAR HOURS

• Commencement

May 22 (Fri) 9am to 1pm

May 23-24 (Sat-Sun) CLOSED

• Memorial Day Weekend

May 25 (Mon) CLOSED

May 26 (Tue)

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

• SUMMER

Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm

Thu 9am to 1pm, 7pm to 9pm

CLOSED WEEKENDS

Director's website tips: NetWellness

Spring is here and for many it brings up images of blooming flowers and trees, but for others with allergies and related health problems, it can be the beginning of a season of misery. Want to find out about more about your health and fitness? Need to check on a problem or ask an expert? NetWellness comes highly recommended. This web site is sponsored by the medical and allied health care faculties at the University of Cincinnati, the Ohio State University, and Case Western Reserve University.

The site offers a reference library, current health news, and an "ask an expert" service and has both basic and

advanced search features.

You can also search by specific groups: for example, women, or by a specific disease or part of the body.

Besides excellent in-depth articles and information on various health conditions, it also includes consumer polls. Certified by the Health on the Net Foundation (the oldest and most used ethical code for health information websites), NetWellness offers high quality health information comparable with MayoClinic.com and WebMD.com, in a less commercial format.

Check it out at:

<http://www.netwellness.org/>

-Carroll Odhner



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Save the dates: FOSL used book sale, April 16-17



WHO: *The Friends of the Swedenborg Library*

WHAT: *Spring Used BOOKSALE*

WHEN: *Thursday, April 16, 7:30pm-9:30pm Preview sale with FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS!*

Friday, April 17, 9am-4pm. Bag sale: 2pm-4pm.

NOTE: *NO SATURDAY SALE due to construction/parking.*

WHERE: *Library basement (old Computer Lab)*

JOIN US!!!

ILLiad borrowing coming soon

Our ability to obtain ILL items depends on maintaining good relations with other libraries.

As promised, you will soon be able to request interlibrary loan (ILL) items online through our new ILLiad system. As interlibrary loan usage increases at Bryn Athyn College, this system will allow us to keep up with the demand and get items to you faster.

Here's how it works:

You will be able to log on to the ILLiad website from inside or outside the campus network. By following the simple steps, you can set up your own ILLiad account and create a username and password.

Once you have registered, you will be able to access your personal ILLiad page. You can use the links to complete and submit new requests, or check the status of all the requests you have made. You can also edit or cancel requests. Articles can be retrieved as PDF files, and you can check due dates or make renewal requests on

books you have received. You can even update your personal information yourself.

We are also introducing some new policies for interlibrary loan. These policies will appear online during the registration process. **It is very important that you review these policies.** You will be able to read the policies in detail on the ILLiad website, but here are two important points to remember:

- **You cannot use ILL services if you owe any overdue fines, either for ILL items or those owned by this library.**
- **Repeated problems with lateness or mistreatment of ILL items may result in loss of ILL privileges.**

Interlibrary loan is a privilege. Our ability to obtain ILL items depends on maintaining good relations with other libraries.

If you have questions, or would like help setting up your account, please let us

know: the library staff will be happy to assist you.

We're looking forward to serving you better with the new system! If you have any questions, please call me (David Perry) at (267) 502-2517, call the library Circulation desk at (267) 502-2524 or email us at :

interlibrary-loan@brynathyn.edu

- David Perry

Interlibrary Loan Supervisor



Notes from the Archives: Part 2

In the last article (*see BI-Lines, Winter 2008*), I defined what an archive is. Over the next several issues, I'll talk about what an archive does. The topic for this issue is *Selection and Appraisal*.

Appraisal is process of determining whether material fits with the mission of the archives, whether it is unique, and whether it is in useable condition.

First: mission. In many cases, there is a fine line between what is community or church history and what is family history. For example, if a community member with a long history of affiliation with the Church or community offers us his or her papers, it is very likely that those papers are relevant to our mission. However, if they detailed the family history of a brother-in-law who had no real New Church connection, but was a famous inventor, we would be likely to decline

them. As interesting as those papers might be, they don't fit the mission of *our* archive. However, we are always willing to offer collections to archives or historical societies where the items would be more useful and relevant.

We must also be mindful of the physical condition of a collection. If the collection required extensive conservation work before it could be made available, we would likely have to decline the donation, unless it came with funds for conservation.

Many documents are made of materials that not only disintegrate quickly, but harm the materials around them as well. For example, old film and negatives made from a nitrate base are considered so destructive they are covered in the National Fire Protection Association standard. Professional film labs can conserve the film and transfer it to a useable format such as magnetic tape or DVD, but the

process is very expensive. The original film is kept as back-up. Items with insect infestations and acidic materials such as newspaper also cause problems for archivists.

Once materials have been appraised and selected, they must be arranged and described in a way that makes them useable to researchers.

More on *Arrangement and Description* in the next issue.

-Greg Jackson

Archivist



CD-ROM databases available again

The two computers in the ground floor computer/lounge area that contain CD-ROM databases have been repaired. The following databases are once again available:

- Encarta Africana
- Art and Life in Africa

- Landmark Documents in American History
- Philosopher's Index
- Kempton Project
- Latin Thesaurus
- Oxford Eng. Dictionary
- Twayne's English and

United States Authors

- On Common Ground

Due to contract restrictions, these databases are only available in the library, not on the campus network. These are wonderful resources. If you have never used these databases and want to learn

more about them, or if you have any questions, please ask the library staff for assistance.

-David Perry

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Swedenborg Library Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the Swedenborg Library is the acquisition, preservation and promotion of the New Church collections and archives for use throughout the world. These collections include books written by Swedenborg (first editions, subsequent editions and translations), copies of books known to have been owned by Swedenborg, and books and periodicals of the 17th and 18th centuries (particularly in the sciences and religion) either used by Swedenborg or reflecting the thought of his age. A collection of collateral literature covers all aspects of study of Swedenborg and the New Church. The archives are a cultural resource containing a variety of documents, letters and photographs relevant to the New Church, the Academy, and the Bryn Athyn community. The next most important use is to provide materials and information, in various forms, in support of the academic programs of the Academy schools. The library also serves as a resource for members of the local community.

Happening at the Library:

- **Student Photo Exhibit** An exhibit sponsored by the Bryn Athyn College Photography Club is on display near the Common Grounds Café until mid-April. During an opening held Thursday, March 12, visitors were invited to vote for their favorite entry. The winner of a camera tripod was Shawn Thattarkunnel (Entry # 20). Congratulations to Shawn, and thanks to all the participants for sharing their artistry with us. Special thanks to Nikolay Lukin for organizing the show. We are looking forward to seeing more work by the Photography Club in the future.
- **Archives sponsors TCLC meeting** A meeting of the Archives and Special Collections Interest Group of the Tri-state College Library Consortium (TCLC) was held on Friday, April 3 in the Swedenborg Library. Topics included a discussion of the use of archival/special collections materials in undergraduate classroom instruction. Greg Jackson conducted tours of our archive facilities for the group at the conclusion of the meeting.
- **Worlds connect @ your Library!** Celebrate National Library Week : April 12-18, 2009.
- **Unicode is coming.** The library will be upgrading our online catalog for compatibility with non-English languages and non-Roman character sets. More later!