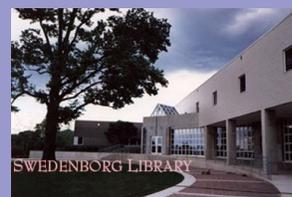


# BI-Lines

Notes and news from the Swedenborg Library



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec 16 7:30am to 5pm

Sat, Dec 17—Mon, Jan 2 CLOSED

Tue, Jan 3 REGULAR HOURS

### EXAM WEEK

Fri, Feb 17 7:30am to 6pm

AND 7pm to 11pm

Sat, Feb 18 9am to 5 pm

Sun, Feb 19 2 pm to 6 pm

AND 7pm to 12am

Mon, Feb 20—Wed, Feb 22

7:30am to 6pm

AND 7pm to 12am

Thu, Feb 23 7:30am to 6pm

AND 7pm to 11pm

Fri, Feb 24 7:30am to 5 pm

### SPRING BREAK

Sat, Feb 25—Sat, Feb 26 CLOSED

Mon, Feb 27—Fri, Mar 2 9am to 1pm

Sat, Mar 3—Sun, Mar 4 CLOSED

Mon, Mar 5—Fri, Mar 9 9am to 1 pm

Sat, Mar 10—Sun, Mar 11 CLOSED

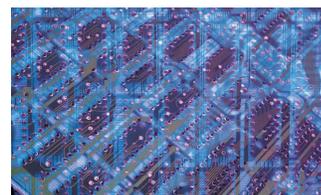
Mon, Mar 12 Resume regular hours

## There's an app for that— access the Library through BookMyne™

Soon it will be easier for you to find library materials on-the-go with BookMyne—a smartphone application made available by SirsiDynix. The Swedenborg Library, whose online catalog is managed via the SirsiDynix Symphony platform, has just added BookMyne to its Web Services. BookMyne is compatible with Android, iPhone or iTouch devices. It allows users to locate the nearest participating library on GPS-enabled maps, and search that library's collections. You can also place holds on materials and perform similar transactions in libraries where

you have an account.

BookMyne is available as a free download from the Apple App Store or Android Market. It supports English, German, French and Spanish, and has a number of features that include: barcode scanning capabilities using the camera function on your iPhone or Android; a social recommendation engine powered through Goodreads that lets you read reviews, browse friend-recommended booklists and check your library instantly for availability; and access to the New York Times bestseller lists. By creating custom 'shelves' BookMyne users can



manage their current reading and plan future reading adventures.

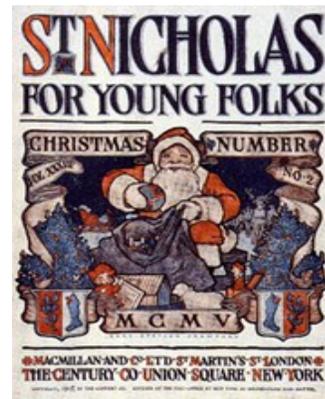
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## Greetings from St. Nicholas

To celebrate the season through the magic and joys of childhood, we are pleased to display a few numbers of the beloved children's magazine *St. Nicholas*. Featuring work from some of the best writers and artists of the day, these

volumes are just a sampling of the treasures housed in the Library's special collections. Take a few minutes out of your busy holiday schedule to stop into the Library and be transported back to the Christmases of yesterday.



## Director’s website tips: The British Library



Page from the Gutenberg Bible.

Image obtained from <http://public-domain-images.blogspot.com/2010/10/gutenberg-bible.html>

*Over 100 million items are borrowed by users from all over the world.*

Discover one of the world’s largest libraries, The British Library at <http://www.bl.uk>.

The British Library contains over 150 million books, manuscripts and other items published in the United Kingdom with 3 million items added every year. Its online collections include eBook treasures, digitized British newspapers, manuscripts and more. The Online Gallery allows you to get a close up look and turn the pages on many rare documents, texts, and musical scores. Would you like to see the draft score of Handel’s Messiah? Or you could peruse the Lindisfarne Gospels (an outstanding example of Anglo-Saxon art); Blake’s Notebooks, Jane Austen’s “History of England” in her own hand, etc.

Those with iPads can download eBooks from the library’s eBook Treasures or select images and texts from the collections and create your own gallery. In the “My Gallery” space, you can create, edit and save up to 50 items and create up to 10 personal galleries.

Want to search their collections? The main catalog leads you easily into the entire holdings with simple key word searching. Find something you want? You are not alone. Over 100 million items are borrowed by users from all over the world. You can also use the library’s document delivery service; or if you are traveling to Great Britain, you can plan a visit. Readers’ passes can be obtained online.

The Swedenborg Library owns a reprint version of the Gutenberg Bible, donated by Lynn Hyatt. I found amazing virtual views of the Gutenberg Bible in the online collections which included information about it. The British Library’s web site states: “Explore the World’s Knowledge”. Anyone using this outstanding site will find a world of knowledge that is easily accessible.

Carroll Odhner -  
Library Director

## Friends of the Swedenborg Library Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting of FOSL will be held at 4pm on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in the AV room of the library.

After the conclusion of regular business, Gregory L. Baker, professor emeritus of Bryn Athyn College will give a talk: "To and Fro: a new book about the Pendulum" in which

he presents a brief overview of his 2011 book *Seven Tales of the Pendulum*, [QA862.P4 B354 2011] from Oxford University Press.

In this semi-popular work, Dr. Baker describes some of the fascinating connections of the humble pendulum with science, history, literature,

science, technology, and religion. The presentation will include images and very brief excerpts from the book. Audience members are encouraged to ask questions about the book and the publication process. All are welcome!



## Digital Collections update

Hidden away in the library's Swedenborgiana vault is an amazing collection of letters and documents which were actually signed by Emanuel Swedenborg over 250 years ago. A few were also written by him. Dated from 1726 – 1756, these documents present an intriguing view of Swedenborg's activities as an official on Sweden's Board of Mines.

However, the contents of

some of these documents had never been recorded. A grant was recently received from the Carpenter Fellowship Fund to translate eight documents, including 29 pages of material, and Rev. Dr. Erik E. Sandstrom, our Swedenborgiana Curator, agreed to take on the project. As expected, the greatest challenge was to decipher the original handwriting and produce Swedish transcripts

of the text. Then came the task of translating the formal, 18th century Swedish into modern English. The tedious process has been completed and we now possess English translations for all the remaining documents signed by Swedenborg in this collection.

Images of these documents with their new translations can now be found in the Swedenborg Library Digital

Collections at [www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital](http://www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital) (Select: Swedenborgiana> Swedenborg Documents> Swedenborg Letters and Documents> Recently Translated Documents).



From the Swedenborgiana collection, 1740

## New DVDs make history come alive

If you are interested in some armchair time travel that is both exciting and informative, several new DVD titles that have been added to the collection might satisfy your historical wanderlust.

*The Battle of the Crooked Billet* is a locally produced, award-winning documentary on this

Revolutionary War battle that pitted Patriot against Royalist right down the road in Hatboro. **E241.C94 2011 DVD**

Another award-winning documentary, hosted by author David McCullough, *The Johnstown Flood* is a harrowing account of the consequences of inattention

that turned a tragedy into a national scandal.

**F159.J7 J7 2004 DVD**

Finally, the wide-ranging series *Ancient Civilizations* looks at places, events and cultures from Easter Island to the Vikings, interpreted by some of the top scholars in the field. **CB281.A63 DVD**

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*Satisfy your historical wanderlust.*

## Using the Library off-site

It's late at night, and the library is closed—what to do? Go online!

You can access any of the electronic resources made available by the library anywhere you can connect to the Internet via Internet Explorer simply by logging on

to your remote campus network account at <https://rdportal.anc-gc.org> and then going to the Swedenborg Library pages of the Bryn Athyn College website:

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

Here you can find links to all the databases such as JSTOR and INFOTRAC, and browse the print collections through I-Link, the library's online catalog.

If you need help with remote access, please contact the Helpdesk at 267-502-2680 or [Helpdesk@anc-gc.org](mailto:Helpdesk@anc-gc.org).



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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.*



*The Staff and Volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish you  
a peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.*