

# Bl-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHARTER WEEK

Thu, Oct 13 7:30 am - 6 pm  
Fri, Oct 14 7:30 am - 5 pm  
Sat, Oct 15 9 am - Noon  
Sun, Oct 16 2 -5pm ; 7 -11pm

### EXAM WEEK

Fri, Nov 4 7:30 am to 5 pm  
Sat, Nov 5 9 am to 5 pm  
Sun, Nov 6 2-6 pm, 7-11pm  
Mon—Thurs, Nov 7-10:  
7:30 am to 6 pm ; 7pm -11pm  
Fri, Nov 11 7:30 am - 5pm

### FALL BREAK

Sat-Sun, Nov 12-13 CLOSED  
M- F, Nov 14-18: 9am-1pm  
Sat-Sun, Nov 19-20 CLOSED  
Mon-Wed, Nov 21-23 9am-1pm  
Thu-Sun, Nov 24-27 CLOSED  
Mon, Nov 28:  
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

## Welcoming our New Director!

We are pleased to introduce our new Library Director, Carol Traveny. Carol has been Swedenborg Library's Technical Services librarian since 2005 and knows all the ins and outs of our library collections. She's probably handled every book on our shelves, and can tell you the history of most of them! She earned her Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005.

She is passionate about learning, inquiry, and exploration, and envisions the library as the center of intellectual life on campus. Carol is very excited about developing new library initiatives, including expanding our electronic database holdings, launching a proxy-server connection for off campus access, and collaborating with other area librarians for services and

programming. (Look for news of our library "knitting nook" coming soon!)

Outside of the library, Carol is developing her work as a photographer and painter. Recent exhibits of photography include the Phillips Mill Annual Photography Juried Show; the Olympus InVision Photography Exhibition at the Banana Factory in Bethlehem, PA; the Bucks County Audubon Society; and the Woodmere Art Museum.

Fun facts about Carol: she Grew up in Ridgway, PA (Elk County). She is married to Tom Bishop, a gardener at the Morris Arboretum, where she has volunteered (a garden romance!) She currently lives with Tom and her two crazy, adorable cats, Finn and Lewis, in Telford, PA. Carol is a knitter and she spins wool for fun and education, participating in several PA

German folk life festivals (including The Goschenhoppen Historians; the Mennonite Heritage Center Apple Butter Frolic; and the Old Goschenhoppen Reformed Church Annual Oyster Picnic). Carol is a nature lover and a bookworm who loves reading in all formats. Asked about her interests, she says she is "only interested in everything." We are delighted to have her leading the library, and look forward to many years of exciting adventures!



Photo courtesy of Marvin Clymer

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Scenes from the Swedenborgian Reading Room, lower level.



Photos by Andi Sibley.

## Swedenborgiana in Carroll's Corner

We recently had a chat with long time Swedenborg librarian Carroll Odhner, who is now our first Director of Swedenborgiana and New Church Research. Her new office is just off the Reading Room on the lower level of the library.

Carroll's duties include overseeing the Swedenborgiana and New Church collections. Swedenborgiana holds first editions of Emanuel Swedenborg's Writings, as well as subsequent editions in many languages. It also includes many materials collected under the heading "Swedenborg's Day"; which is comprised of books, letters and papers relating to 18<sup>th</sup> c. thought, philosophy and publishing. The Library is also recreating Swedenborg's personal library by collecting titles that were owned by Swedenborg, based on an auction list produced by his heirs at the time of his

passing in 1772. The New Church Collateral Literature collection includes all known writings about Swedenborg and the New Church, and an extensive catalog of society newsletters from around the world, both past and present.

Carroll often receives research questions from scholars and theologians from around the world. She collaborates with library archivist Greg Jackson to identify and provide access to our collections. She is currently working on raising money to continue digitizing our collections of Swedenborgiana and New Church materials, which can be accessed from our library webpage under "Digital Collections." A current grant proposal is in the works for funds to convert microfilm of early church history and journals, and rare books into digital archives. The microfilm was created in the 1960's by student volunteers, and

needs preservations to prevent deterioration of these priceless materials. We also have a box of lantern slides from the early 20<sup>th</sup> c. showing images of important places and buildings, including Swedenborg's house and grounds, which no longer exist. Digitizing these materials will allow preservation and access for generations to come.

Carroll is thrilled that we have an excellent staff working on

these projects, as well as talented and reliable volunteers putting in many hours a week. She is looking for several more volunteers that would be able to help inventory the rare books in the vault, and shift books that need to be reorganized. Look for more news in the weeks and months to come, as we highlight some of the treasures under our care.



(Back) Marvin Clymer, Kris Odhner, Cindy Walker, Vera Glenn, Greg Jackson  
(Front) Janet Simons, Jane Carter, Martha McDonough, Carroll Odhner

## Scenes of South Africa: Watercolours by Tania Alden

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to present: *Scenes of South Africa: Watercolours by Tania Alden* from Aug. 22 - Nov. 11, 2016. An opening reception with a talk by the artist will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016, beginning at 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Tania says: "I began painting as a teenager in South Africa, where I spent my formative years. During that time I developed a deep love and respect for South Africa and easily find inspiration for

paintings in its raw landscape and colourful people. While I never studied art from an official teacher or program, I grew up in an artistic home and was interested in art from a young age. I gradually dipped into watercolour painting with the guidance and mentorship of my artist mother, Ann Buss. I have now been painting for ten years, and this is my first show. My hope is that I may share my passion for the rich flavour and unique culture of South Africa through my paintings."



"Red Lady" and "Strelitzia" ©Tania Alden

## Welcome, Tara Earnest!

We are happy to have a new Office Manager in the library. Tara comes well-prepared, with a wide range of skills, having managed several offices for businesses in the past.

She is particularly glad to be working in a library now, as she is a loyal public library patron, and runs a book club in her spare time. Her last book club book was *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, which she enjoyed very much.

Tara has also volunteered at her daughter's school library, so she is looking forward to taking some shifts at our Main Desk. You may see her smiling face welcoming you to the library someday soon!



Photos by Marvin Clymer.



## Reunion Yearbooks & Banners

The 2016 Charter Day weekend (October 14 – 17) always produces a surge of Bryn Athyn College and Academy of the New Church alumni returning to campus for reunions, and socializing with classmates and friends. In preparation for this annual pilgrimage, the Swedenborg Library Digital Collections now include the Academy yearbooks and class banners from this year's

reunion classes. The Collection currently holds images of 60 yearbooks and 88 banners .

They can be found at: [www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital](http://www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital)

Select: *Archives > Academy of the New Church > Banner Collection (or Yearbooks)*. College yearbooks, which were only published between 1984-87, can be found under *Bryn Athyn College*.



## Additions to our Electronic Databases

We are very excited to tell you that we have increased our holdings for several of our current academic databases, and have added several new ones that will support our programs of study.

**Credo Reference** is a comprehensive collection of e-book reference titles, which we have expanded to include online access to the full text of 748 highly regarded and popular reference titles. Entries are enhanced with images, sound files, animations and videos.

**EBSCO Business Resources**, added last spring, includes *Business Source Premier, Regional Business News, and Business eBooks*. Full text and searchable, they include cited references for a number of top journals, covering a variety of business disciplines. Market research reports, industry reports, country reports, company profiles and SWOT analyses are also available.

**Statista:** We've added this great database of statistics with 80,000

topics from 170 industries, including industry reports and forecasts. The data is compiled from 18,000 private and public sources aggregated from North American, Europe and Asia. Articles include references, infographics, charts and graphs that can be downloaded for presentations and papers.

**JSTOR:** We have upgraded our subscription to include full text offerings of the most faculty requested titles in the Essentials and Arts & Sciences Collections.

**ScienceDirect:** Another new-to-us database with access to full-text, peer reviewed books and journal articles in Health and Life Sciences.

With the help of the IT Department we are currently installing *EZProxy*, so that faculty, staff and students can access these resources remotely. We should have exciting news about that very soon. For now, the databases need to be accessed through the college network. Check out these and other Electronic Resources from our website at:

<http://brynathyn.edu/swedenborg-library/electronic-resources/>

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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.*



#### **REGULAR HOURS**

Monday through Thursday

7:30 am - 6 pm | 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday CLOSED

Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm | 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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