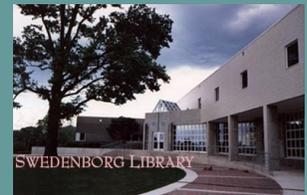


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Notes and news from the Swedenborg Library



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

EASTER HOURS

Thu, Apr 16 7:30am to 6pm
(no evening hours)
Fri, Apr 3 - Tue, Apr 7 CLOSED
Wed, Apr 8 RESUME REGULAR HOURS

EXAM WEEK

Thu, Fri: May 21,22 7:30am to 6pm
and 7 pm to 11 pm
Sat, May 23 8 am to 6 pm
Sun, May 24 CLOSED
Mon, May 25 (Memorial Day) 7 pm - 11 pm ONLY
Tue, May 26 7:30 am to 6 pm
and 7 pm to 11 pm
Wed, May 27 7:30 am - 6 pm
Thu, Fri, May 28, 29 7:30am to 5 pm
Sat, Sun: May 30, 31 COMMENCEMENT CLOSED

SUMMER HOURS Beginning Mon, June 1

Mon. through Fri 9 am to 1 pm
Thu 9 am to 1 pm
and 7 pm to 9pm
CLOSED WEEKENDS
Fri, June 19 CLOSED
Fri, July 3 CLOSED

The College Grounds Café will be CLOSED for the summer session.

Improving access to the library

The Swedenborg Library serves a wide audience. In addition to our campus community, the library also provides services to scholars, researchers, and others who come to the library and archives for our unique collections of materials related to the New Church and Emanuel Swedenborg.

Mindful of this, the Friends of the Swedenborg Library (FOSL) has been concerned over problems of accessibility to the building, particularly for people with physical difficulties. Late last month, FOSL proposed a “Phase One” plan which would

address part of the problem by making the north door of the library accessible to members of the public.

Simple modifications to this existing entrance would shorten the walking distance to the library while continuing to maintain building security. The doors will be motorized, and will be remotely controlled by staff at the library’s main desk. An intercom and camera will connect staff with persons wishing to enter or leave by that door.

We hope to begin making this small but important change



sometime in the near future, and we are grateful to FOSL for their support and advocacy as we work to honor our mission.

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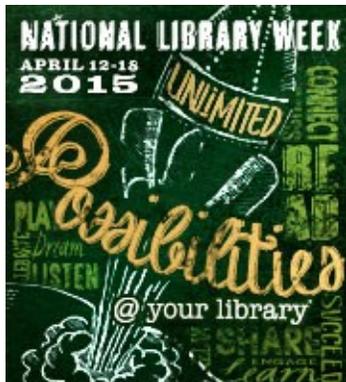
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Art exhibit: Ayisha Synnestvedt

A new exhibit opened in the library on March 15. “Gazing” includes paintings of “seas, skies, landscapes, and people—looking near and looking far.” Local artist Ayisha Synnestvedt explores the connection between art and the spiritual in her work, which includes writing and drama in addition to her painting. Her talk “For the glory of the Lord: what makes art True?” was presented during an opening reception. Stop in and enjoy!



Great spring reading



Help us celebrate National Library Week (April 12-18) by liking us on Facebook. Meanwhile, stop by and see what we have to offer--unlimited possibilities await!

A number of new books will be on our shelves soon. Here is a sampling of some of them. If you see a title you'd like, ask us to hold it for you.

An unnecessary woman / Rabih Alameddine [Fic Alame 2013]
 “[A]n enchanting story of a book-loving, obsessive, seventy-two year old ‘unnecessary’ woman with a past shaped by the Lebanese Civil War.”

The Burgess boys / Elizabeth Strout [Fic Strou 2013]

“Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown...as soon as they possibly could...[Now a family crisis calls them to return] where...long-buried

tensions begin to surface in...ways that will change them forever.”

The neighborhood project: using evolution to improve my city, one block at a time / David Sloan Wilson [HT371 .W55 2011]

As an evolutionary biologist, Wilson has an epiphany: “Darwin’s theory won’t fully prove itself until it improves the quality of human life in a practical sense.” Inspired to be an agent of change, he decides to apply his theory in his hometown of Binghamton, NY.

Stuff matters: exploring the marvelous materials that shape our man-made world / Mark Miodownik [TA403.2 .M56 2014]

“Why is glass see-through?

What makes elastic stretchy?...A globally renowned materials scientist, Miodownik ... uncover[s] the fascinating secrets that hold together our physical world.”

The Ten Commandments: a short history of an ancient text / Michael Coogan [BS1285.52 .C66 2014]

“Coogan discusses the meanings the Ten Commandments had for audiences in biblical times” and observes how “some of their underlying ideals remain valid in a modern context.”

Climate and human migration: past experiences, future challenges / Robert A. McLeman [GF71 .M35 2014]

The first comprehensive review of how physical and human processes interact to shape migration.



Swedenborg Library

Introducing Enterprise

Coming in September, our library catalog (e-Library) will include features that will make searching faster and more accurate.

Enterprise, a new discovery system created by SirsiDynix, adds such tools as “fuzzy searching”, a “Did you mean?” option to catch misspellings, and faceted (or

filtered) searching to limit search results as you wish--by item type, publication date, subject, availability, and more.

Also, Enterprise integrates with most of our databases, so a single search will work across both physical and digital resources.

Our staff is preparing to launch Enterprise by the beginning of fall term. Watch for more information and tips for using Enterprise.

We’re excited about this improvement to our online catalog--we think you will be, too!



Here is a screenshot of our current catalog interface. Take a sneak peek at our updated banner, above right.

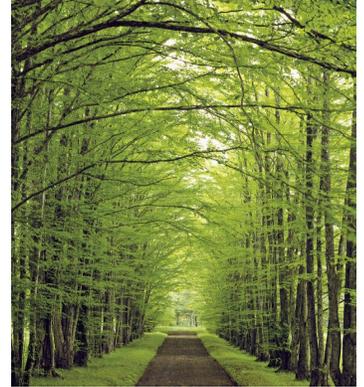
Congratulations, graduates!

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

The staff and volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish you happiness and success in all your future endeavors.

We would especially like to recognize our student workers who are graduating: Philip Brandt, Annalisa Gatti, Minghui Jiang, and Demi Salinas. Thank you for your hard work. It was a pleasure getting to know you!



Director’s web site tip: Shared Shelf Commons (SSC)

This free online database of digital images from ARTStor is a great resource not only for the visual arts, but for geographical studies and material culture as well. Content is provided by universities and associations that work with ARTStor and subscribe to Shared Shelf’s media management software

that enables them to share their archived image collections. Users can search either with a simple or Boolean keyword search, and further limit by subject, location, date or collection.

Users may also save or print the images for either educational use or publication with an

appropriate citation that acknowledges the creator and provenance of the images used.

To visit this wonderful image library go to:

<http://www.ssccommons.org>

-- Carroll Odhner,
Library Director

FOSL’s History and Biography sale is on!

If you love to read about the past: if a person, event or entire culture simply *fascinate*s you, be sure to check out the used books currently being offered by the Friends of the Swedenborg Library.

A table filled with selections in history and biography is featured from new donations

that have not appeared in our sales before.

In addition, the ongoing sales shelves are being replenished with new arrivals.

Meanwhile, keep checking the library’s “Last

Chance” (free) cart near the library’s main entrance for items that are still looking for

a good home. You never know what you might find--all at bargain prices.

But wait, there’s more!

Proceeds of FOSL used book sales benefit the library.

How great is that????!!!

If you plan to visit, please call ahead--the Friends Room may be in use.



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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

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| Monday through Thursday | 7:30 am - 6 pm 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm |
| Friday | 7:30 am - 5 pm |
| Saturday | CLOSED |
| Sunday | 2 pm - 5 pm 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm |