

BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

EXAM WEEK

Mon - Thu, May 16-19
7:30 am - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Fri, May 20 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sat, May 21 CLOSED
Sun, May 22 2 pm - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Mon - Wed, May 23-25
7:30 am - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Thurs - Fri, May 26, 27
7:30 am - 5pm
Sat-Mon, May 28-30
(Commencement/Memorial
Day) CLOSED
Tue, May 31
SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

SUMMER HOURS

Mon - Fri 9 am - 1 pm
Sat - Sun CLOSED

**The Library will be CLOSED
on Monday, July 4 and
Monday, June 20.
College Grounds Café will be
closed for the summer.**

Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

Carroll Chamberlain Odhner: a retrospective

After 30 years as the Director of the Swedenborg Library, Carroll Odhner has decided to leave that position and focus her many talents on work for which she has a particular passion: Swedenborgiana and New Church reference and research.

Carroll's full and fascinating career has spanned almost 50 years and is truly global in scope. It has run the gamut from working with Pygmies in Africa to welcoming Swedish royalty; from giving the eulogy for a Catholic nun to raising over a million dollars for the Swedenborg Library.

After initial plans of becoming a high school history teacher, Carroll's love of books and research eventually propelled her toward a career in library science. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a

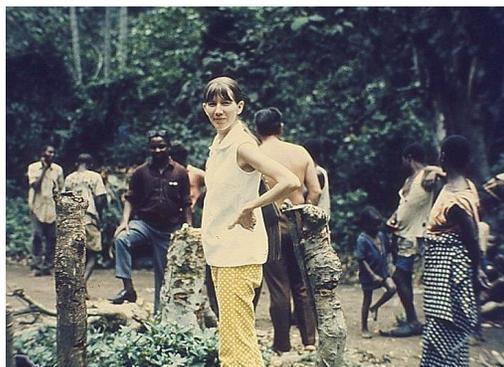
M.A. in Library Science in 1967, and then began her work career in The Hague, Netherlands as Head Librarian for the American International School. She returned to the United States three years later to Newark, NJ as Acquisitions Librarian at the Law School of Rutgers University. While there, Carroll also did graduate coursework work in the French language which served her well in subsequent years—particularly so in 1971, when she and her husband, J. Durban Odhner, relocated to Africa. They spent four years there, during which Carroll held several positions doing library work and library science instruction at the National University of Zaire, and research work at the University of Zambia.

Upon their return to the U.S. in 1976, and with a growing family, Carroll joined the Academy of the New Church Library as Technical Services Supervisor, Reference and Cataloging Librarian. Ten years later, she advanced to the directorship when Mary Alice Carswell retired. Carroll also had the opportunity to use her teaching skills during this time by providing instruction in French at the Academy of the New Church Boys School, and at Bryn Athyn College.

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*Ituri Forest, Democratic Republic of Congo.
Mbuti Pygmies camp. 1974*



*Queen Silvia with Carroll in the Swedenborgiana vault.
Photo courtesy of Svenska Dagbladet (Stockholm, Sweden.)
April 13, 1988.*

Carroll Odhner... (continued)



Queen Silvia signs the library guestbook as Carroll looks on. April 14, 1988. Photo courtesy of *The Globe* (Montgomery County) newspaper.

Much has been accomplished in the Swedenborg Library under Carroll's leadership. The fundraising for, planning and construction of the award-winning library building that we have today is probably her most outstanding achievement, since nothing else would have been possible without that important beginning. The literal crowning of that effort came in April, 1988 when, through much work, diplomacy, and planning, Carroll hosted Queen Silvia of Sweden who made a visit to Bryn Athyn to dedicate the new library.

Among the many projects to improve and expand the library collections and services that Carroll has spearheaded include implementing an automated library management system; integrating information literacy into the college core curriculum; increasing vault space for special collections; and adding a branch

library in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition, she has been central to the growth of the Swedenborgiana collection by obtaining several original Swedenborg letters and documents. Her efforts on behalf of the library have resulted in numerous grants for digitization and other essential library needs, and the founding the Friends of the Swedenborg Library (FOSL) which continues to support library programs and uses. Carroll has also been active in regional librarianship, making presentations and conducting workshops for professional and academic organizations. She served for ten years as President and other offices of the Tri-State College Library Cooperative (TCLC), and has remained actively involved in that local consortium.

Carroll continues to be a strong advocate for information literacy

and teaching library research, with the goal of making the Swedenborg Library the hub of Bryn Athyn College academic life. She has been steadfast in her commitment to developing the Swedenborg Library into a full-fledged college library with strong ties to the wider community, and a center of research and scholarship for the New Church worldwide.

We will not be saying *Au revoir* to Carroll, but *Félicitations et bonne chance pour votre nouvelle entreprise!* We are happy and thankful that she will remain with us as she embarks on the next phase of her career, helping to develop the Swedenborgiana and New Church collections.

Congratulations, Graduates!



It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are. -- e.e.cummings

*It's the same bittersweet feeling each year ---
happy for your achievements, sad to see you go!*

The Staff and Volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish all of our graduates much happiness and success as you begin the next stage of your journey. Congratulations! We're proud of you!

We are especially pleased to recognize the achievements of our student library workers who are graduating this year.

They are:

Joel Borketey-Kwaku
Stephannie Michelle Imperial
Rebecca Jackson
Niraj Khatiwada
Swan Kim
Alexus D. Kolb
Mercedes Celeste Rothwell

All the best! We'll miss you!

Bri Kern: Congratulations and farewell!

Our Administrative Assistant, Bri Kern will be leaving us in August. Although we will miss her sunny presence in the library, we are thrilled for her as she assumes her new role as School Counselor for the Bryn Athyn Church School.

A 2007 graduate of Bryn Athyn College, Bri is currently completing a Masters in Psychology from Chestnut Hill College. She will now be able to pursue the work that is her passion.

Happily for us, Bri will still be seen on campus as she continues as Manager of Grant Hall.

It has been a pleasure getting to know Bri, and we wish her all the best as she begins her career in psychology.



Photo by Marvin Clymer

Scenes from the “Long Night…”



Marin Roth, Janina Smith, Anna Martin
Photos by Daya Sapkota.



Lian Hua Lenihan
Photo by Daya Sapkota.

Library workers--student achievers

At the recent Academic Achievement Awards ceremony held on April 7, we in the library were very pleased to note that quite a number of our student workers are also student achievers. Included in the Dean’s List Honorees are: Niraj Khatiwada, Swan Kim, Lauren O’Connor, Saryluz Ramos, and Mercedes Rothwell.

In addition, we would like to recognize Saryluz as this year’s recipient of the AICUP UPS Scholarship, and Mercedes, who

received the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute Scholarship.

Working at a job is not easy when you are also working to earn a college degree. It demands good time management, focus, and commitment. At the same time, the experiences gained on the job are often as valuable as classroom learning.

We’re thankful to have such a great group as part of the library staff. Congratulations!



Rhady Taveras, Saryluz Ramos, Arielle McGraw
Photo by Daya Sapkota.

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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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