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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

EASTER

Fri - Sun, Apr 10 - 12 CLOSED
Mon, Apr 13
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

PRE-EXAM WEEK

Mon -Thu, May 18- 21
7:30am -11pm
Fri, May 22 7:30am - 5pm
Sat - Mon, May 23-25
(Memorial Day) CLOSED

EXAM WEEK

Tue -Thu, May 26 - 28
7:30am - 10pm
Fri, May 29 7:30am - 5pm
Sat - Sun, May 30 - 31 CLOSED

SUMMER HOURS

Mon, Jun 1 - Mon, Aug 24
Mon CLOSED
Tue - Fri 9 am - 1 pm
Sat - Sun CLOSED

**The Library will be CLOSED
on Friday, June 19.**

**College Grounds Café will be
closed for the summer.**

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

Academy Yearbooks in the Library

The first Academy of the New Church yearbook in 1923 was called the *Boys' Academy Year Book* and focused primarily on the activities of the Boys' School. *The Year Book of the Academy Schools* appeared in 1927 as *The Voice of the Campus*, representing the Boys' Academy, Girls' Seminary, College and Theological School. Yearbook design gradually evolved over the years with the first color photos appearing in 2008. The production and size of yearbooks have varied widely, based on the economy, wars and school finances. The class of 1952 was the last class to graduate without a yearbook.

While yearbooks became

established as a tradition in the Academy high school, they did not catch on in the College. Early yearbooks included the College since it was largely an extension of the high school: occupying the same buildings, sharing teachers and known as the Academy of the New Church College. The College created just 4 yearbooks, from 1984 through 1987. Now a four-year college, perhaps the yearbook idea will be reborn here.

As windows into the academic and social life of the Academy, yearbooks have been collected for many years by Swedenborg Library. The best copies are stored in a climate-controlled vault for preservation.

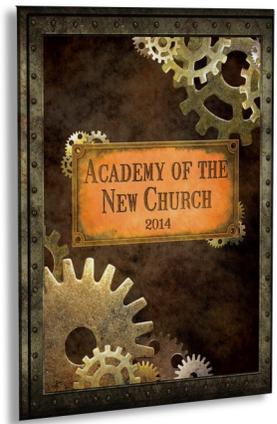
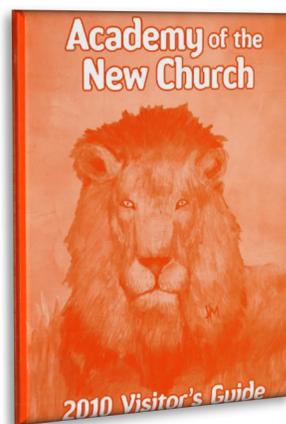
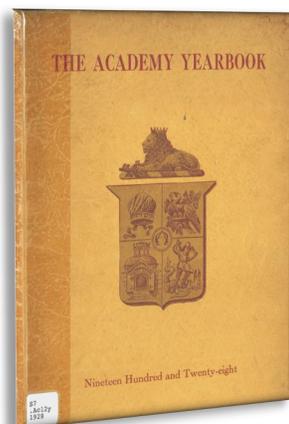
Additional copies may be used in the Library and many can be checked out.

To aid preservation and provide greater access to the Academy yearbooks, the Library began a digitization project in 2009 to scan yearbooks for the Charter Day reunion classes each year. All 86 yearbooks produced by the Academy and the College, from 1923 – 2019, can now be found online in the Swedenborg Library New Church Digital Collections at www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital Select Archives > Academy of the New Church > Yearbooks. Look under Bryn Athyn College for college yearbooks.

- Marvin Clymer

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Swedenborgiana Updates

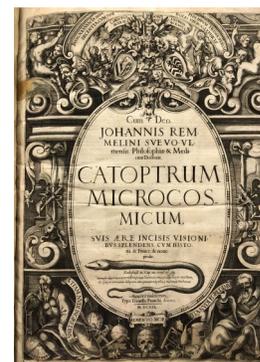
Two requests were sent to the Asplundh and the Glencairn Foundations in January for grants to support an endowment for the Swedenborgiana and New Church Collections. Our current grant funding runs out in the next two years. An endowment will ensure the future of these collections and enable us to continue to employ qualified staff to maintain and develop collections and answer research requests. If you are interested in supporting this vital use, you can donate online on the Swedenborgiana and New Church Research page of the Swedenborg Library website or contact the Alumni Relations/Advancement Office of Bryn Athyn College at 267-502-2444 or alumnirelations@brynathyn.edu

Several events in June will highlight the Collections. We will be hosting a tour and exhibit for the *Off the Left Eye Experience* attendees on Sunday, June 7 from 3-5 pm. The conference theme is *Presence of Heaven* and will be held on the Bryn Athyn College campus from June 5-7. We will also be giving a presentation on the New Church Collections along with an exhibit for the *General Church Retreat*, June 18-21. Its theme is *Behold I Make All Things New*. In preparation for these events, Rev. Andy Dibb and I are working on a new exhibit on Swedenborg's preparation by the Lord during six stages of his life, using books from Swedenborgiana to illustrate this preparation.

On the right is an image from one of the books in the exhibits: *Captoptrum*

Microcosmicum by Johann Remmelin (1583-1632), printed in Augsburg by Davidis Francki, 1619. This is the first work of anatomy to publish images in three-dimensional views, by using layers of cross-sectional images as a series of flaps that one could fold back to reveal deeper levels of anatomy. Surviving copies of this work are exceedingly rare. Our copy has all the original three-dimensional images. This title is one of the books in Swedenborg's personal library that illustrates his deep study of anatomy during the 1740s.

- Carroll Odhner



Photos by Maroïn Clymer

New Art Exhibit Features the Photography of Page Morahan

Local views from walks on the North Campus Field of Bryn Athyn College are combined with images from the Southern Hemisphere in an upcoming exhibit: *Hemispheric Contrasts: Local and Amazon* by Page S. Morahan, Ph.D. Both highlight moments of discovery of Earth's natural beauty – capturing moments that surprise, delight, and awe.

Dr. Morahan has pursued photography since a teenager and includes her images in academic presentations. As part of her professional career as an international leadership educator in the health professions, she has created greeting cards and calendars for *Page's Pages Around the World™*.

Please join us Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 4pm when the artist will give a talk. Refreshments will be served.



Page S. Morahan, Ph.D

Library Engagement

Our library frequently hosts college classes with librarians joining subject professors. Students research, work on projects, join study groups, and attend information literacy sessions for English, Writing, Philosophy, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Religion, Business, and Special Education. Regularly scheduled classes in Business, Human Society, Yoga and Leadership are held in the Friends Room. The Upper Level Lab holds Communication and Computer Science classes.

The Academic Success Center and the Library were happy to host another Long Night Against Procrastination this term, on Tuesday, Jan. 14 until 2am. Students received study help from tutors and faculty, played games and enjoyed

therapy dogs or massages, and consumed snacks and drinks.

On Emanuel Swedenborg's Birthday, January 29, we hosted a scavenger hunt in the library. Students identified books throughout the library that are connected to someone influenced by ES. Each correct entry earned a raffle ticket, and the raffle winner received two free movie tickets! This event exposes non-NC students to the wide scope of his inspiration.

We also participated in *Color Our Collections*, an online celebration of drawings from libraries around the globe. Some of Swedenborg's illustrations from his scientific works and his garden design were shared on our Instagram page, available for download at ColorOurCollections.org

I ♥ the Library Week

We welcomed students and faculty to our 2nd annual *I Love the Swedenborg Library* week February 10 -14. Our generous electronic database vendors provided pens, notebooks, and other goodies to give away. Yummy snacks included Girl Scout cookies, teas, candy, and fruit. Soft pretzels were provided by Philly Pretzel Factory. Daily activities included crafts, stress-relieving aromatherapy, interactive science, and kinetic sand play.

At the end of the Winter term when fatigue and anxiety can easily set in, we offer students support and encouragement as they finish papers and prepare for final exams. We find that locating reference materials, electronic resources, books, articles, interlibrary loan materials and offering citation support mix very well with these little extras!



Photos by Andi Sibley

FOSL Annual Meeting Feb. 9, 2020

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library held their Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 9. In elections, Suzy Laidlaw will continue as President for another two-year term, and Peggy Rogers will step into the Treasurer's position, vacated by Rosanne Bostock

who served in that capacity for ten years. Rosanne was presented with flowers and a letter of recognition. She will continue as a member-at-large on the FOSL Executive Committee. Carol Traveny gave a brief report of library activities over the past year.

The featured speaker, Rev.

Dr. Thane Glenn presented an interesting, informative talk on the new "*Institute for Swedenborg Studies*" which he heads. The purpose of the Institute is to disseminate Swedenborgian ideas to a wider audience, while promoting scholarship and research.



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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.



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REGULAR HOURS

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Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday	5 pm - 10 pm

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