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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

SPRING BREAK

The library will be **CLOSED** beginning at 7 PM on **Thu, Feb 24** and will reopen on **Wed, Mar 9** at 8 AM. Have a great break!

The Library will be **CLOSED** **Easter Weekend Apr 15 - 18**

SUMMER HOURS

Begin Wed, May 25
Hours by appointment only
CLOSED weekends

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

Introducing Our Library Student Workers



Rebecca Homber, our Student Supervisor, is a junior business major with a data science minor. She is from South Africa. She says, "I love working in the library as all the staff are great to work with."



Amber Dawes is a junior biology major with a minor in psychology. She says, "I am aiming to become an environmental lawyer. I'm from Northeast Philadelphia and I love working at the library because of how I get to experience campus life and learn new skills for future career options."



Maylissa Clarke is a senior biology major from Mount Holly, New Jersey. She says, "I love working in the library because it is a quiet, peaceful space, where you can get work done, and learn new things everyday. The community in the library is very helpful, kind, and always makes you feel welcomed."



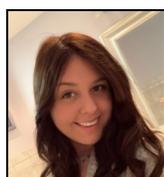
Elena Cavijo is a junior human society major with a minor in psychology. She is from South River, New Jersey.



Ava Fino is a freshman biology major from Harding, PA. She says, "What I like most about working in the library is that it is a quiet and calm place for students to get their work done. I always feel like I get more of my homework done in the library than I could ever get done in my dorm room!"



Kaylia Duncan is a member of the Class of 2023. She is a biology major from Reading, PA.



Nicole Kazorak is a freshman majoring in pre-nursing. She is from Northeast Philadelphia. She says, "What I like best about working in the library is helping students with whatever they need and getting to know them."



Alejandro Garcia is a first year mathematics major, with CS, data statistics minor. He is from Mexico City.

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Swedenborgiana Updates

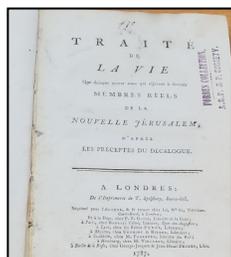
On February 4th we received the second and last donation of 75 rare New Church books from the Forbes Collection at the Swedenborg Foundation.



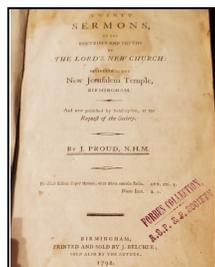
Thanks again to Chris Barber, Chair of the Forbes Collection Committee, for contacting me to secure a place for them in the Swedenborgiana & New Church Collections at the Library. What a thrill to be able to add these priceless



additions to our collections!



One volume is *Twenty Sermons* by Rev. Joseph Proud, 1745-1826. Proud was the first New Church hymnologist and an early preacher in England. And here is a French edition of Swedenborg's *Doctrine of Life* 1787.



These are just two of the treasures in the most recent

donation from the Forbes Collection. Special thanks to all our Bryn Athyn College students, who spend hours scanning material to be added to our New Church collections. Their work has been generously supported by grants from the Carpenter Fellowship Committee for which we are very grateful. Meet two of our current student scanners:

Cevin Spencer is a junior business major from Philadelphia. He has been working with digital scanning projects for the past year. He says working in the library is peaceful. **Shaina Childs**: "I am a junior psychology major with a minor in law and society, and I am hoping to go into forensic psychology. I have loved my time

working at the library on the digital collections project! The library staff are all so friendly and ready to help, the environment is calm and focused, and there is always something new to read about."

Your support helps keep this program thriving. Donations support the Department of Swedenborgiana & New Church Collections. To fund additional purchases of rare books for Swedenborgiana, go to: <https://brynathyn.edu/swedenborg-library/donate-to-swedenborgiana-and-new-church-collections.html>

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& New Church Research

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Celebrating Emanuel Swedenborg's Birthday!!

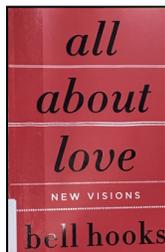
We held a scavenger hunt in the library to celebrate Emanuel Swedenborg's 344th birthday this year. Students were offered a list of call numbers for books featuring important figures heavily influenced by Swedenborg. On the shelves these books held bookmarks with a familiar face hinting at

the chosen volume. For each title identified the student earned a raffle ticket, with a grand prize of movie tickets! In this way we had a ball exploring the collection, learning about the impact of Emanuel Swedenborg, and celebrating his remarkable range of influence. Students had such fun with this!

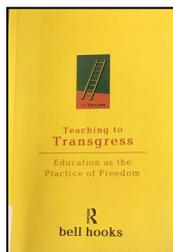


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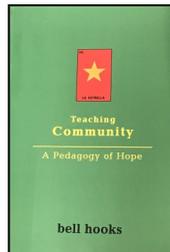
Reading bell hooks



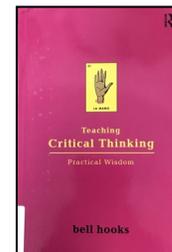
All About Love: New Visions. 2001. If you haven't read bell hooks before, this is the place to begin. Here, she gives us a graceful, engaging and encouraging look at the deep meanings of love. She starts by teasing out a definition of love and then shows us an ethical, community-based, spiritual application for life. Referencing the Bible and well-respected theologians, philosophers, and thinkers, including Thomas Merton, Thich Naht Hahn, Julian of Norwich, and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., she grounds her insights in positive practicalities. Highly recommended for all.
BF575.L8 H655 2001



Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom. 1994. In this collection of essays, bell hooks considers her own development in teaching with a transformative pedagogy committed to creating educational communities. She acknowledges that allowing ourselves and our students to explore shifting paradigms causes challenge and discomfort which require new skills and compassion for ourselves and each other. She passionately believes in "education as the practice of freedom" and maps the way forward.
LC196.H66 1994



Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope. 2003. Writing a few years after 9/11 and the dramatic impact that tragedy had on our country, our mass media and our culture, hooks recalls the core resonance of hope built into education for freedom and community. She addresses the challenges of racism and white supremacy. Guided by Parker Palmer and Paulo Freire, she found wisdom and joy in exploring ways democratic education can illuminate our theory and practice, and create stronger, freer community based on shared ethical values.
LC196.5.U6 H66 2003



Teaching Critical Thinking: Practical Wisdom. 2013. This is the third volume in the series on teaching. Looking back over the last thirty years, hooks is able to respond to many questions and comments from professors and teachers who have studied and practiced her educational techniques. She addresses issues of race, gender, class and pedagogy with insight, humor and grace. Teaching with humor, story-telling, and lecture blend with imagination, collaboration, wisdom and spirituality. Of course she also praises a love of reading!
LB1025.3.H67 2010

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Color Our Collections 2022

This month we are excited to join the "Color Our Collections" web event. Museums, libraries, and archives around the world will share coloring pages from items in their collections, starting on February 7. The New York Academy of Medicine started

this project in 2018. This year, the Swedenborg Library will be offering illustrations from *The Children's New Church Magazine* of 1869-70. We have bound volumes of this journal for the years 1843 - 1891.

Visit <http://library.nyam.org/colorourcollections/> to see and print our contributions and many more.

Students can stop by the library and take home printed pages and boxes of colored pencils to take a creative break from studying!



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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 - Thursday 8 am - 9 pm

Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Sunday 5 pm - 9 pm

Covid: Visitors must wear masks and complete the visitor screening on the college website. <https://brynathyn.edu/covid-19-update/index.html>

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