

# BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHARTER WEEK

Thu, Oct 8 7:30 am to 6 pm  
Fri, Oct 9 7:30 am to 5 pm  
Sat, Oct 10 9 am to Noon  
Sun, Oct 20 2 pm to 5 pm  
and 7:30 pm - 10:30pm

### EXAM WEEK

Fri, Nov 6 7:30 am to 5 pm  
Sat, Nov 7 9 am to 5 pm  
Sun, Nov 8 2 pm to 6 pm  
7 pm—11 pm  
Mon—Thurs, Nov 9-12:  
7:30 am to 6 pm  
and 7:30 pm to 11 pm  
Fri, Nov 13 7:30 am to 5pm

### FALL BREAK

Sat-Sun, Nov 14-15 CLOSED  
Mon- Fri, Nov 16-20  
9 am to 1 pm  
Sat-Sun, Nov 21-22 CLOSED  
Mon-Wed, Nov 23-25  
9 am - 1 pm  
Thu-Sun, Nov 26-29 CLOSED  
Mon, Nov 30

### RESUME REGULAR HOURS

Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

## Swedenborg Librarians join the First Year Seminar

Librarians Carroll Odhner, Andi Sibley, and Carol Traveny are delighted to be part of the College's First Year Seminar program this fall. Within the Seminar curriculum we will be presenting an overview of Information Literacy skills, and provide opportunities for students to test their current level of understanding. BAC students are required to pass the Franklin Marshal Information Literacy test before graduation, a challenge that often requires concerted effort by many students. Our collaboration in the FYS is intended to give them a head start on meeting this challenge, as well as to develop skills in information seeking, use, and critical thinking.

Information literacy is an understanding of information systems and scholarly

communication, and the ability to ethically and effectively find, evaluate, and use all types of information in school and in life. Students new to academia sometimes experience library anxiety and avoidance behaviors that stand in the way of success. By connecting with students and faculty early on, we hope to dispel these fears and potential academic roadblocks. We will build a foundation for engagement in successful learning by establishing supportive, collaborative, scholarly relationships that will continue well beyond a student's first term.

These relationships will serve students throughout their academic career, as they complete a Capstone project and continue on in life. One key to student success is frequent,

sustained engagement with librarians and library reference resources. The Swedenborg Library is a dynamic learning hub that serves the whole academic community. By taking advantage of early exposure to library spaces and personnel, we develop safety nets and scaffold the skills of seeking, evaluating, and using information. We expect to have a lot of fun with this, and look forward to serving these freshman throughout their years at Bryn Athyn College!

- Andi Sibley

*Tell me and I forget.*

*Teach me and I remember.*

*Involve me and I learn.*

*-Benjamin Franklin*

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## Do you have your barcode?

Your library barcode is an essential tool for academic success at Bryn Athyn College. Attached to the back of your campus ID, it gives you access to circulating materials, class reserves, and interlibrary loan services.

It only takes a few minutes to get a barcode and sign up for your library accounts. Stop in now to save time later.

While you're here, be sure to say hello to our library staff. We want you to succeed, and we're here to help!



## Staff updates: Meet Andi Sibley



Photo by Marvin Clymer

I am thrilled to be here at the Swedenborg Library as a Reference Librarian. I am eager to get to know the Faculty, Staff, and Students, as well as the rest of the community. We have such a beautiful library and a unique collection here; I'm excited to be working with all of you in using it for scholarship and research.

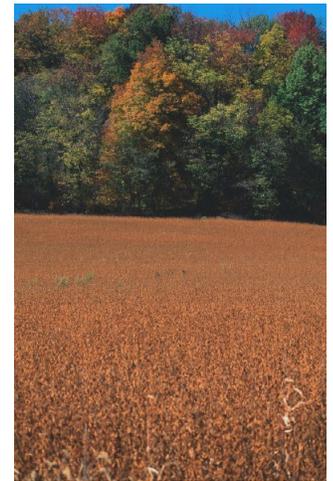
My most recent adventures in Reference Librarianship have been at the Community College of Philadelphia's West Regional Center Learning Commons. It was a joy to serve the faculty and students there in assisting with research and developing information literacy skills. I look forward to discovering how those experiences will carry over and inform my work here at Bryn Athyn.

When I'm not reading, or talking about books, or thinking about books, I'm usually knitting or

gardening or hanging out with my three sons. The oldest is in the Air Force (stationed in OKC) and the younger two are in fifth and seventh grades. We like to hike and bike in the Pennypack Preserve, so you might see us on the trails someday!

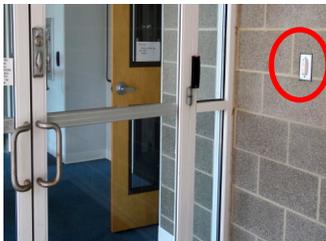
You can often find me at the library circulation desk, or in my office in the Swedenborg Library, right next to the café. Stop in and say "Hey!" when you are on your way by.

-Andi Sibley



## Library renovations improve safety and access

Photo by Carol Traveny.



The red oval on this picture highlights the north door entrance button. The brown door in the background is the entrance to the Friends Room.

Although earthquakes are not too common in this part of the world, the quake that shook the campus and the entire East Coast in August 2011 reminded us of the importance of planning ahead for safety. In July, bracing was installed on the bookshelves on the upper level of the library. This modification will keep the tall, formerly free-standing stacks from falling over in the event of an earthquake or other seismic disturbance.

In addition, library patrons now have improved access to the building through the north entrance (at the end of the colonnade, near the Brickman Center.)

As part of a project sponsored by The Friends of the Swedenborg Library in response to the needs of patrons who may have difficulty getting to the main entrance, that door has been motorized, and can be remotely controlled by staff at the library's main desk. A camera and buzzer connects staff with

persons wishing to enter or leave by that door. (See left.)

This new access point should be ready for use by September 1.



Bracing work in progress.  
Photo by Marvin Clymer

## Staff updates: Meet Bri Kern

I graduated from Bryn Athyn College in 2007 and always knew I would find my way back to the College in a professional capacity. I loved my time here as a student, and made many life-long friends not only with my fellow students, but with the staff and faculty as well.

A year ago I was hired as the Manager of Grant Hall and hoped to find a way to be fully employed on campus. I was thrilled when the position of Administrative Assistant for the Swedenborg Library opened up for this year. I was doing administrative work elsewhere, and I really enjoy organization while working in a team environment. In addition, I am currently in Graduate School, so easy access to the Library's materials is a wonderful bonus!

I am very much enjoying my time at the Swedenborg Library and working with such wonderful people. I look forward to seeing more activity in the building with the start of the school year!

-Bri Kern



Photo by Marvin Clymer

## Fine Art Browsersy

The library has acquired copies of catalogs from some of the most important art auction houses and art galleries in the world, including Sotheby's and Christie's. They are filled with high-quality images (many in full color) of paintings, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, antiquities and other examples of fine art and craft. These include important works from private collections that may not have been previously available for viewing.

"These gallery catalogs do not need to be checked out. Take them home, enjoy the images. Use them for research, inspiration or pleasure. Please return them when you are done."

The Fine Art Browsersy is located on the far wall of the upper level (stacks) of the library, adjacent to the Oversize collection.

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## Art exhibit: Photographs by Justin Murray

Justin Murray was born in Bryn Athyn and has lived in the greater Philadelphia area his whole life. He became interested in photography early, having been given a camera as a six-year-old. In fact, some of his first photos were taken with this "MickeyMatic" camera on the grounds of the Bryn Athyn cathedral.

Since then he has moved from toy cameras to digital point-and-shoots, to DSLRs and, in the past year, back to film

photography. He tries to capture images of scenes or subjects he finds interesting (or sometimes just funny.)

For a long time he focused primarily on nature, but ever since moving into Philadelphia, his photography has represented the split in his life between urban and suburban, ranging from dark alleyways to sunny fields.

He has been lucky enough to have the encouragement of his friends, family, and even some

strangers over the years, and this keeps him going as much as his love of taking pictures.

An exhibit of Justin's work will be on display this fall, sponsored by the Friends of the Swedenborg Library. An opening reception, with a talk by the artist will be held Sunday, September 20, beginning at 4 pm.

All are welcome.



"Dandelions and Bench" by Justin Murray, c.2015

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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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