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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

WINTER BREAK

Sat, Dec 18 - Sun, Jan 2, 2022

CLOSED

Mon, Jan 3 Resume regular hours

The Library will be CLOSED on Mon, Jan 17 for MLK, Jr. Day of Service

PRE-EXAM WEEK

Sun, Feb 13 5 pm - 10pm

Mon -Thu, Feb 14 - 17

8am - 10pm

Fri, Feb 18 8am - 5pm

EXAM WEEK

Mon - Fri, Feb 21 -24

8am - 10pm

Fri - Sun, Feb 25 - 27 CLOSED

SPRING BREAK

Mon - Fri, Feb 28 -Mar 7

9am -1pm

Sat & Sun CLOSED

Wed, Mar 8 Spring Term begins
Resume regular hours

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

Career Day

This year's "Majors, Careers, and More" was held in the library and Brickman dining hall on Thursday, October 21 with well over 50 students attending. We were delighted with the wonderful turn out of students excited to learn about majors and careers.

Rev. Matthew Genzlinger conducted the opening presentation in the library Friends Room. He suggested some key ideas from New Church theology for students to reflect on while pursuing a career. He challenged students to seek not just a job, but their calling and ways to be useful in the world.

Jennifer DeLuca, Director of Academic Advising, led a

session using an inventory called *Pathway U*. This is a career and vocational exploration program financed by a two-year, \$50,000 grant. With *Pathway U* students are able to use interests, values, and skills assessments to find possible career paths aligned with their calling. They can also discover internships and future jobs, as their account goes with them after graduation. Jennifer found students who were exploring possible paths in biology, law, business, and other majors. The connections and conversations were outstanding! More about this exciting program on the college website under [Advising— Career Education and Development](#).

Michael Austin, Director of Residence Life, held a session on using the *Clifton*

Strengths, another online assessment tool that allows students to learn about their unique top five talents and how to use them to better understand themselves and work with others. Mastery of their talents form strengths that can be used in their careers and beyond!



In the Brickman dining hall Faculty advisors were available to talk with individual students, who rotated around the room having conversations and collecting ideas, inspiration, and raffle tickets.

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Photos by Andi Sibley and Michael Austin

Swedenborgiana Updates

Thanks to all 25 visitors that came to see the exhibit in October on *Swedenborg's Preparation*, including Rev. Stephen Cole's class of college students and Erik Odhner's advanced Latin students from ANCSS.

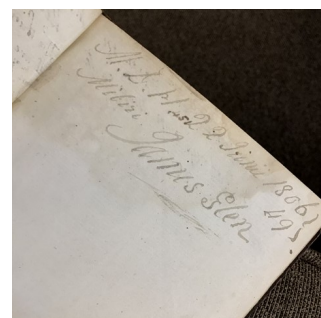
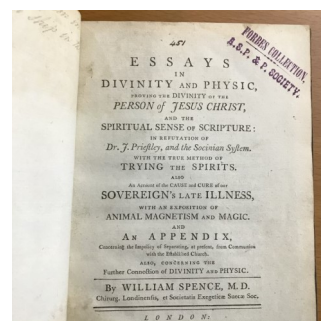
Wonderful news about the Forbes Collection coming to Swedenborgiana! James H. Forbes was a physician who collected early Swedenborgiana. In 1874 he sold a portion of his library to the American Swedenborg Printing & Publishing Society, now the Swedenborg Foundation. In 1991 John Seekamp, then President of the Swedenborg Foundation, reached out to me as Director of the Swedenborg Library to offer this collection to us. However, for reasons unknown it was never sent. Thirty years later they are finally arriving through the

efforts of the Forbes Committee chair, Rev. Christopher Barber. He spent time searching our online catalog to be sure we received any books that we didn't already have and/or those that are extremely rare and fragile, approximately 150 books. We are so grateful for his leadership in taking steps to see this collection come to Swedenborgiana. The first few boxes have arrived and looking at only the first few books, I see priceless additions--one being an early treatise by another physician, William Spence, 1792. In the inside and back covers are copious notes and the signature of James Glen dated 1806. James Glen, a Scotsman, was the first to hold public meetings on the Doctrines in Philadelphia and Boston in 1784. Two other additions are an early hymnal

by Rev. Manoah Sibley (1757-1840) and Rev. Joseph Proud (1745-1826) "Fifteen Sermons on Various Subjects". We did not have either in our collection. We are thrilled and look forward to examining these donations further.

The Swedenborgiana and New Church Collections are invaluable for knowing the history of the New Church and its doctrines and for illustrating Swedenborg's life and times. Please consider contributing towards the Endowment for Swedenborgiana to be able to conserve, maintain, development these unique collections and provide research support for scholars.

- Carroll C. Odhner
Director of Swedenborgiana
and New Church Research



Photos by Marvin Clymer and Andi Sibley

New Library Art Exhibit Features Eleanor Schnarr

Eleanor Schnarr (1989) is an artist, poet, and theologian from the Bryn Athyn community. She has developed a unique technical style which spans the representative and the abstract. She is chiefly interested in exploring visual languages of interoception and figuration. Eleanor has a

certificate in traditional figure painting from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and an MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute. In her academic pursuits Eleanor is studying the conversation between Eastern and Western esotericism particularly as it relates to the recorded

experiences of Emanuel Swedenborg and the Ancient Dharma of Śaiva Siddhānta. She is currently pursuing field research in South India and hopes to facilitate a bidirectional, mutually curious conversation between these sacred traditions. Her art

can be seen in the library gallery through winter term.

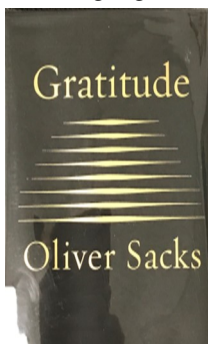


Eleanor Schnarr

Coaches' Book Shelf

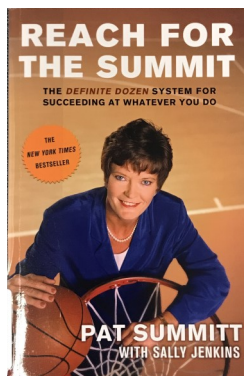
This fall we were delighted to hear from some of our student athletes that they were looking for “sports” books to read. We combed through our catalog and found some intriguing ones, but not enough in our opinion!

We reached out to the coaching staff to find out what they would recommend and got a nice list of favorite authors and titles. We purchased as many as budget allowed and set up a new display called “Coaches’ Shelf”. Here are some of the highlights:



Gratitude by Oliver Sacks (Recommended by MBBall Coach Sean Westerlund.) A series of four essays written in the last few months of Sacks’ life, where he expressed thoughts on the treasures of life and death.

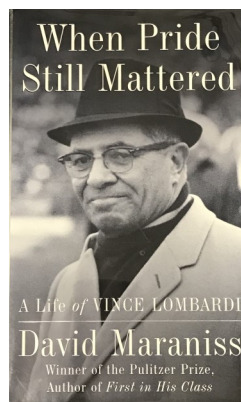
Reach for the Summit by Pat Summitt (Recommended by WLAX Coach Mona Walters.)



Summitt, famed championship coach of U. Tenn. Women's basketball team in the 1990s gives her “Definite Dozen System” for

success in sports, career, and life.

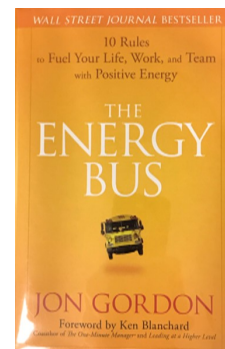
When Pride Still Mattered; a Life of Vince Lombardi by David Maraniss (Recommended by MLAX coach Jack Crawford.)



Legendary football coach of the Green Bay Packers in the 1960s, Lombardi stood for the values of character, discipline and teamwork.

The Energy Bus by Jon Gordon (Recommended by several coaches, including WBBall Travis Ponton.) Gordon uses master storytelling skills to

give us ten secrets to meeting challenges with positive energy and finding success.



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Open Educational Resources

We have been trying to find ways to make course materials more affordable and accessible for students. That’s why we expanded our course reserves and invested in more Open Access scholarly journals and articles. (Check out CloudSource OA in the

online catalog!) Librarians and faculty have also begun to explore the world of Open Educational Resources (OER) at Bryn Athyn. These educational materials are available at no cost to students and are licensed for anyone to freely use, share, and edit.

OER and the innovations in teaching practice that are supported by OER can transform our students’ educational experience--becoming engaged agents of their own learning journeys. With our faculty as collaborators and guides, students’ can contribute to

the store of common knowledge while improving outcomes, increasing retention, and promoting the College as a great place to learn and thrive. We are just beginning and there’s a lot of work to be done, but the possibilities are endless!

- Carol Traveny, Director

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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

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/>

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