Fall 2012

BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



REGULAR HOURS

Mon-Thu 7:30am to 6 pm; 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm Fri 7:30 am to 5 pm Sat CLOSED Sun 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

CHARTER WEEK

Thu, Oct 11 7:30 am to 6 pm Fri, Oct 12 9 am to 5 pm Sat, Oct 13 9 am to 5 pm Sun, Oct 14 2 pm to 6 pm; 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

EXAM WEEK

Fri, Nov 9 7:30 am to 5 pm; 7 pm-11 pm Sat, Nov 10 9 am to 5 pm Sun, Nov 11 2 pm to 6 pm; 7 pm-12 am Mon-Wed, Nov 12-14:

7:30 am to 6 pm; 7 pm to 12 am Thu, Nov 15 7:30 am to 6 pm; 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm Fri, Nov 16 7:30 am to 5 pm

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Sat-Sun, Nov 17-18 CLOSED Mon-Wed, Nov 19-21

9 am to 1 pm Thu-Sun, Nov 22-25 CLOSED Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

Swedenborg Library: find us on Facebook!

Swedenborg Library has now joined Facebook!

Find us and "like" us today and you'll get updates on the latest art exhibits; reading recommendations and staff favorites from our collections; links to great resources; changes in hours, news from the College Grounds Café; upcoming used book sales and other events; and—most importantly—we'll let you know when the "Last Chance—Free Cart" has new items to browse and take!

message and we'll answer as quickly as possible. Have a suggestion? Let us know and we'll take it into consideration. We're here to

Have a question? Leave us a

help and we want you to have plenty of ways to get in touch with us.

Right now on our page you'll find posts that include a picture of the old Academy library in Benade Hall, an example of Eleanor Schnarr's stunning artwork (our current art exhibit), a staff photo, and instructions for using the printer. Look soon to see what we post for Charter Day!

Check out what's happening in the library on Facebook, and in person!

-Kelly Austin





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The Friends of the Swedenborg Library cordially invite you to the first fall used book sale to be held in the newly renovated Friends Room of the Swedenborg Library.

Preview sale for FOSL members, faculty, and students ONLY:

Thursday, October 4, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Regular sale: Friday, October 5, 10 am to 4 pm. ALL ARE INVITED.

Come see our beautiful new community space and take advantage of a great selection of

USED BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES!

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Director's Web site tips: PolitiFact revisited

Seen those political ads on TV? Want to separate truth from fiction?

With the general election just a few weeks away, PolitiFact (reviewed in BI-Lines, Winter, 2008) is still the go-to source for unbiased, factual information on all things political, and particularly the candidates, what they say, and what they do (or don't do!)

Now maintained by the Tampa Bay Times (Florida newspaper), this Pulitzer Prize-winning website helps users evaluate the information they are receiving by monitoring and researching statements made by candidates and other government officials, and verifying them for accuracy.

PolitiFact uses the "Truth-O-Meter" system of rating each statement by one of six possibilities: True, Mostly-True, Half-true, False, or "Pants on Fire."

New to the site since 2008 are the "Flip-O-Meter" and the "Promise Meter" which track promises made vs. promises kept, and the frequency of changing positions on policy and social issues.

The sources used to evaluate the statements are given next to the article. Each article can be searched by using key words or browsed by name of candidate, issue, political affiliation, or Truth-O-Meter rating.

PolitiFact also has a new app for smartphones and tablets featuring the Truth-O-Meter, the Obameter and their new Truth Index. This makes getting the facts even easier for armchair debaters, or voters who want good information as they make their Election Day choices.

Vote responsibly in November! Check out the candidates and the issues with PolitiFact at:

www.politifact.com

Knowledge is power!

-Carroll Odhner

Biology Digest online through December



This past spring, our subscription to *Biology Digest*, a print index that contains digests of scholarly articles in the fields of biology, was discontinued. It has merged with other resources into an online database called *NewsBank ScienceSource Collection*.

The *NewsBank ScienceSource Collection* includes:

- Biology Digest from 1987 through current
- Physical Science Digests
- Biographies of Scientists
- Encyclopedia entries, i.e.: diseases, mammals, the environment, physics

We have been given a complimentary subscription for access through December 31, 2012.

You may now access this resource by going to

<u>nttp://</u> <u>infoweb.newsbank.com</u>.

This is the main menu page for NewsBank products.

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New books by faculty

The Swedenborg Foundation Press has recently announced the publication of two new books by Bryn Athyn College faculty members.

Grant Schnarr's book *Ghost Brother Angel* is the author's memoir of childhood fears and his adult quest to confront those fears. With the help of lessons learned from the spiritual warriors in his life, he eventually comes to terms with a long-buried family tragedy.

"Anyone who has suffered a loss or struggled with fears will relate to this real-life tale of facing your inner—and outer—demons, told from Grant Schnarr's uniquely Swedenborgian perspective. "-from publisher.

Ray Silverman's The core of Johnny Appleseed: the unknown story of a spiritual trailblazer is scheduled for release in October. Although several biographies of Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) already exist, Silverman 's work explores the several different facets of Chapman's life as a businessman, conservationist, and spiritual trailblazer. He "provides insights into little-understood aspects of Johnny Appleseed's spirituality, and corrects many popular misconceptions" (from publisher) surrounding this famous and mysterious American icon.

Both of these books will be available soon in the library. Check them out!

"Free Swedenborg" project update

If you've ever wondered what is in the large wooden crate near the elevator on the upper level of the library, you may be surprised to learn that it is a bust of Emanuel Swedenborg. A gift to our library from the Stockholm society of the General Church, this sculpture actually has an interesting history. In the July/ August issue of New Church Life, Ed Gyllenhaal traces the circuitous path the piece has taken through Sweden, Chicago and Bryn Athyn over the course of many years.

Read about it at:

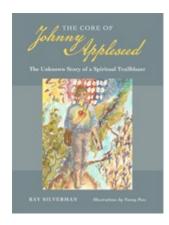
http://pdf.brynathyn.edu/ncljulyaug2012/index.html

Thanks to several donations this past year, and a recent generous contribution, we are very pleased to announce that we now have the funding to proceed with the work to Free Swedenborg!

We look forward to celebrating the unveiling of this sculpture in the near future.







Staff to present at ACRL-DVC program

A presentation "Reinforcing roots: establishing a branch library in Stockholm" will be part of the Association of College and Research Libraries, Delaware Valley Chapter's fall program on global aspects of librarianship.

Carroll Odhner and Carol Traveny are scheduled to give a talk about the ongoing collaboration with the Stockholm society of the General Church to establish a reference library of Swedenborg's Writings and New Church works in Stockholm.

The conference will take place on Friday, November 9, 2012, at Penn State, Great Valley in Malvern, PA. *BI-Lines* is published 3 times a year and is made available in print and online by The Swedenborg Library.

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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.

Printing is easy! Learn how

Even if you're in a hurry, it's easy to learn how to use the new campus print management system!

Here 's a quick how-to:

- 1. Save your document to the computer's desktop.
- 2. Open a web browser.
- 3. Go to: print.anc-gc.org
- 4. Log in with your campus network username and password.

5. Follow the prompts in the print manager to upload your document, select the printer, and your printing preferences.

6. Print!

Of course, if you have any questions or problems when using the library printer, the staff is ready and willing to help. You can also contact the **Helpdesk** at **267-502-2680**.

Once you have used the print management system, you'll find that it's really not difficult. Even so, scheduling a few extra minutes before class is a great way to avoid last-minute stress and get your day off to a good start!