Fall 2012

BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL HOURS

August 20 - September 3

Mon—Fri 7:30 am to 5pm
Thu 7 pm to 9 pm
Sat—Sun CLOSED
Mon, Labor Day CLOSED

Tue, Sept 4 Regular Hours

Mon-Thu 7:30 am 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

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Moving perspectives: the compact shelving saga

If something is working properly, we tend not to think about it. But when it breaks..! This summer, the old and problematic electric compact shelving system was replaced with a beautifully smooth, hand-operated system. Now our print journals are within easy reach of anyone who needs them.

In April, we received a grant from the Glencairn
Foundation, and were able to move forward with the project. The contractors were scheduled for mid-June, but before then, the entire collection had to be removed from the shelves. With limited temporary storage space, the journals were moved cart by cart to the stacks area on the upper level of the library, while making sure that the journals were kept in the

proper order. When the new shelving was in place, the tedious and back-breaking task of moving the journals back to the basement began. The job required a crazy combination of brute strength and mental acuity that involved much checking and filing, lifting and hauling, planning and revising. We were extremely fortunate this summer to have a stellar group of hard-working, conscientious, (and fun!) student workers, who, with the excellent supervisory assistance of staff member Kelly Austin, were able to complete the task on time and in good library order!

Kudos also to the CPO department, to R & J Retrieval

Systems, Inc. (who installed the new system), and to the other student workers in the library this summer who assisted at the front desk and performed scanning for our digital collections.

Our student workers were: Mark Apedo, Amulya Bista, Michaela Boyesen, Amy Dwyer, Nikolay Lukin, Veeshan Rayamajhee, and Daya Sapkota. Thank you all for a great summer!



From left: Daya Sapkota, Mark Apedo, Michaela Boyesen, Amulya Bista, Veeshan Rayamajhee. Missing: Amy Dwyer, Nikolay Lukin.

Welcome from the library staff



We're looking forward to seeing you. Have a great term!

Swedenborg Library Staff.

Front row, left to right: Rosanne Bostock, Carroll Odhner, Martha McDonough.

Middle row, left to right: Greg Jackson, Kris Carlson, Kelly Austin, Carol Traveny.

Back row, left to right: Marvin Clymer, David Perry, Lyn-Del Sandstrom, Erik Sandstrom. Page 2 Newsletter Title



Friends of the Swedenborg Library

This spring and summer, the Friends of the Swedenborg Library worked hard to create a new space in the library for their used book sales and other activities of Bryn Athyn College. The grand opening of this space will take place on Sunday, September 9.

Simultaneously, the Friends are also sponsoring an art show opening at the library, of work by the very talented local artist, Eleanor Schnarr.

Eleanor will give a short talk about her unique work and will be available for questions.

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 pm and the program begins at 4:00 pm. We hope to see you there!



Tools in hand, FOSL Past President, Donald Fitzpatrick, and current President Gregory Baker, take a moment from their hard work installing the new Friends Room book shelves.









Friends Room Grand Opening used book sale



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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A new face in the library: meet Kris Carlson

This year I returned part time to my library career after a 12year "retirement" to pursue creative interests.

In the 90s I finished an undergraduate and a graduate degree, worked at the Swedenborg Library and then as director of the HS Media Center, sent 4 children out into the adult world, and traveled to Israel, Egypt, Hawaii, and Italy. During much of this time I also cooked dinner and fed the birds.

Recently I moved into my 17th home, in central BA, and I have lived in 4 states (some

twice) and one province over the course of my life. I have been instrumental in the eventual past production of 5 grandchildren and hope to have been instrumental in similar eventual future projects.

I never have to search for something to fill my days, because there are so many good friends, good movies, and good books, and there is so much good music, good art, good food, and good humor. And Facebook. In the next 3 weeks I will complete preliminary training for the Stephen Ministry program

with Bryn Athyn Church, and next week for MBTI (Myers Briggs) certification. I am excited about everything I am doing.

It is a pleasure to work in the library. I learn something new every day and remember a lot of it. My primary goal here is to be as helpful and entertaining as possible without making too much noise.

-Kris Carlson



You'll see Kris most days behind the Circulation Desk. Stop by and say hello!

"I learn something new every day and remember a lot of it."

- Kris Carlson

Digital Collections update

Despite budget cutbacks at the library, the scanning of early New Church journals continued this summer. Grants from Carpenter Fellowship Fund and Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust permitted the hiring of Nikolay Lukin, Daya Sapkota, Veeshan Rayamajhee and Michaela Boyesen, who digitized almost 10,000 pages of New Jerusalem Magazine, a New Church journal published from 1827 - 1893 in Boston. Those pages will appear online in Swedenborg Library's Digital Collections.

-Marvin Clymer





Part of the R&J Retrieval Systems, Inc. team during compact shelving construction. (p. 1)

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