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SPECIAL HOURS

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CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec 20 7:30am to 5pm Sat, Dec 21— Sun, Jan 5 CLOSED

Mon, Jan 6 REGULAR HOURS

Mon, Jan 20 MLK Observance
CLOSED

Art exhibit: Soni S. Werner

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to present an exhibit of the art of Soni S. Werner that will be on view in the library throughout the winter.

Dr. Werner has taught at Bryn Athyn College for 17 years. She has always been interested in the perspectives that psychology and theology provide in the study of human emotions and mental health challenges. *Art Inspired by Psychology and Theology* is an extension of her ideas into the visual realm.

According to a brief biography submitted for the exhibit, Soni Soneson Werner began her creative life at the early age of 3. However, it wasn't until adulthood that she began a serious study of art, specializing in acrylic painting. Her works have illustrated her books: *Growth of the female mind: sincerity and severity* (2013) and *Searching for Mary Magdalene: her story of awareness, acceptance and action* (2011). Both are available for checkout from the library.

An opening reception with a talk by the artist will be held on Friday, December 6, beginning at 4 pm. All are welcome. The show will be on view until February 21, 2014.



Joy cometh in the morning

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Greetings

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

-from "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The Staff and Volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish you a joyous Christmas, and a happy and productive New Year.



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Christmas cheer from the Web to you

There are a number of great, free Internet resources available for you to enhance your holidays.

Whether you are looking for an exciting new recipe to impress your guests, or just some last-minute help with a particular cooking or baking technique, here are a few goto sites for your culinary and entertaining consideration:

The Kitchn

http://www.thekitchn.com/categories/christmas

All Recipes

http://allrecipes.com/recipes/ holidays-and-events/ christmas/

International Recipes

http:// www.internationalrecipes.net/ recipes/theme-christmas.pl The Splendid Table

http:// www.splendidtable.org/ search/site/christmas

If you'd like to set a holiday mood with music--quiet and contemplative, classical or popular, festive and lively--the choice is yours. Check out these sites, and stream your favorite Christmas music, or find sheet music and lyrics to popular Christmas songs.

Pandora

http://www.pandora.com/

Christmas Songs: All your favorite music

http://
www.christmassongs.net/

Christmas Songs: Playlists, karaoke, traditional and international Christmas music

http://
www.christmassongs.org/

Enjoy your holiday!



New displays feature reading and listening for the holidays

If you want to add a little
Christmas cheer to your
December reading, stop by the
display on the main floor of
the library. We have pulled a
selection of holiday-themed
books that you can check out
to enjoy in quiet moments--if
there are any quiet moments
during this busy season!
There are also a number of

CDs featuring festive and sacred music available for your listening pleasure. If you are looking for a particular title and don't see it, please ask--it may be that your holiday treasure is waiting for you in the stacks. We'll be happy to help you find it.

Also, this semester, the

Change Your Mind series highlights books from our science collection. Check them out to expand your horizons or challenge your ideas. You might find something.

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Building upgrades

Sometimes disasters averted present opportunities for positive change. For instance, the East Coast earthquake in August 2011 was a surprising reminder that these geologic events can happen almost anywhere. With that in mind, we apologize for the noise, and ask for your patience over the next several weeks while bracing to stabilize the freestanding book shelves on the upper level is installed. This project has been in the

planning and fund-raising phase for some time, so we are very pleased that this important safety enhancement will soon be completed.

Likewise, the November 13 fire in the elevator mechanical room necessitates an upgrade to the system which was installed in 1988 when the library was built. Once again, we ask for your patience while the elevator is out of service. If you have difficulty

accessing materials on the upper level, please don't hesitate to ask a library staff member or student worker for assistance. Group meetings or events that usually take place on the upper level can also be moved to other locations in the library if needed.

We are grateful that the fire was put out quickly and that no one was injured. Thanks to BAC Security, the Bryn Athyn Fire Department and Police,



Photo courtesy of Marvin Clymer

College Administration, and all who helped during our early morning emergency.

The Knitting Ladies are coming to the library

Beginning January 8, a local group of expert knitters will be meeting weekly in the Friends' Room of the library to work on their projects, and to share their yarn expertise with knitters who may drop in with questions or who need a bit of help over a 'tricky part' of the pattern. Mira Brown,

organizer of "The Knitting Ladies" said that they will be in the library on Wednesdays from 10 am until 3 pm.

Please call Mira at 215-316-2927, or simply stop by during one of the meetings if you would like more information.

We look forward to this

opportunity to extend our services and facilities to the wider community. Knit on!



Save the date: Martha Gyllenhaal to speak at FOSL annual meeting

The next annual meeting of the Friends of the Swedenborg Library will be held at 4 pm on Thursday, February 13 in the Friends' Room.

After a brief business meeting, Martha Gyllenhaal, Assistant Professor of Art and Department Head of Fine Arts and Art History will talk about student work in the current studio courses held at the College.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

As part of its mission, the Friends of the Swedenborg

Library hopes to encourage the use of the library by the local community by presenting exhibits, speakers and programs for all to enjoy. *BI-Lines* is published 3 times a year and is made available in print and online by The Swedenborg Library.

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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 through Thursday

7:30 am - 6 pm | 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday CLOSED

Sunday 2pm - 5 pm | 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm