

BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec 16 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sat, Dec 17 through
Sun, Jan 1, 2017 CLOSED
Mon, Jan 2
RESUME REGULAR HOURS
Mon, Jan 16 MLK Day CLOSED

EXAM WEEK

Wed-Thu, Feb 22-23
7:30 am - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Fri, Feb 24 7:30 am - 5 pm

SPRING BREAK

Sat-Sun, Feb 25-26 CLOSED
Mon- Fri, Feb 27 - Mar 3
9 am - 1 pm
Sat-Sun, Mar 4-5 CLOSED
Mon-Tue, Mar 6-7
9 am - 1 pm
Wed, Mar 8
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

Weeding our Garden

Libraries are like gardens—you have to weed them to help them grow. Over the next several months, the library staff will be assessing our collections of Library of Congress print materials to remove items that are out of date, damaged, or no longer useful.

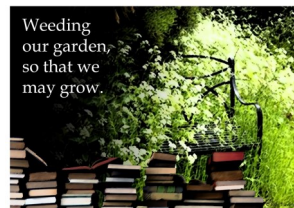
This is an ongoing project that involves careful analysis of circulation data, research, faculty input, and evaluation in order to make collection development decisions that best serve the College and the community.

Weeding a library collection not only makes space for new items, it helps to reveal useful books that may have previously gone unnoticed. In addition, we hope to increase our individual and group study space and add new features that will enhance learning, discovery, and creativity.

We are also adding red “Swedenborgian Heritage” stickers to those books that mention Emanuel Swedenborg or Swedenborgian thought. (This is separate from our New Church collections, which, of course, are all related to Swedenborg.)

Our weeding project is the first step of many to keep the Swedenborg Library the center of academic life on campus. Watch our Facebook and Instagram accounts for additional FAQs and updates.

Please contact Library Director Carol Traveny if you have questions. Thank you for your support!



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Enterprise replaces I-Link

Users of our online catalog will notice a change—we have just launched our new discovery tool, Enterprise! You will now have the capability of filtering your searches by media type, publication year, language, and more. You can also search just our library catalog, or search Academic OneFile and Eighteenth Century Collections Online, as well. We are still working out a few bugs, but wanted you to have the opportunity to use Enterprise and let us know what you think. If you have questions, or suggestions, please talk to us—we want to make your library searches as pain-free and productive as possible!



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Christmas Greetings

“Kindness is an inner desire that makes us want to do good things even if we do not get anything in return. It is the joy of our life to do them. When we do good things from this inner desire, there is kindness in everything we think, say, want, and do.”

— Emanuel Swedenborg

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



Carroll's Corner: Swedenborgiana



Photos by Andi Sibley.

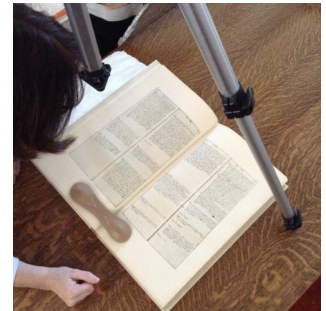
We've been busy working with researchers on several projects in the past couple months. As shown in the photos on the left, the General Church Office of Education is making videos on the life of Emanuel Swedenborg for work with young people in our schools and education programs. Two videos have already been completed, covering Emanuel Swedenborg's childhood and his work as a scientist. The third video is in the works, focusing on his years of spiritual revelation and work on the Writings. Sarah Odhner, Janet Lockhard and Librarian Carroll Odhner gathered in the Reading Room recently, photographing a first edition of his Index to the Bible.

Carroll has also been assisting researchers preparing for the Swedenborg and the Arts conference which will be here June 6-9, 2017. She has been gathering material from New Church sources in the past few

months as requests come in. Excitement is building!

The Swedenborgiana collection contains microfilm of many of the priceless books, journals and documents that represent resources relating to Emanuel Swedenborg and the New Church. We are hoping to raise funding to convert the microfilm to digital files that can be accessible through our New Church Digital Collections. We are also looking to preserve and digitize the Academy collection of lantern slides. These 450 slides contain images that chronicle the life and times of Swedenborg and his works as well as early Academy and Church history. Such treasures are worth preserving and making them searchable and available online. Come and check out our New Church Digital Collections at:

<http://brynathyn.edu/swedenborg-library/new-church-digital-collections/>



Lego Cathedral Returns!



Photos by Andi Sibley.

We are pleased to host Rev. Solomon Keal's amazing 2' high scale model Lego Cathedral this holiday season.

Art exhibit: Photos by Fred Moore

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to announce a new exhibit featuring photographs by the local artist Fred Moore.

Fred tells us: "As a child, I was enthralled with the play of shadow and light in black & white photographs. An album of snap shots from my parents' 1942 honeymoon in the mountains of East Tennessee (where I was born a year later) was a fond source of comforting mystery. The random organizations of rocks and trees and streams gave substance to my nascent sense of self."

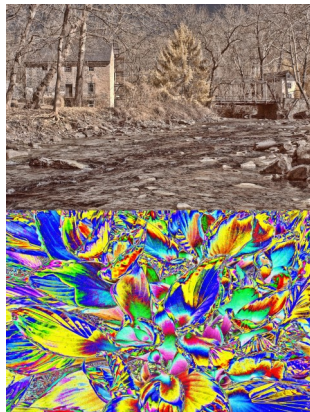
After years of doing photography, Moore has been using his retirement to explore the media in more depth. He is particularly fascinated with the possibilities of infrared photography.

He continues: "As a serendipitous adjunct, while experimenting with some digital (ie, Photoshop) manipulations on floral close-ups, I discovered that amazing color combinations could be produced

from naturally occurring random arrangements of green foliage; such as the veins and facets in leaves. I assume these colors are related to the angle of the reflected light (and accompanying shadows) and are not inherent in the foliage itself."

Part of the process involves inverting the digital photograph. Thus, I refer to these colorful creations as Inversions"

An opening reception, with a talk by the artist will be held on Sunday, December 4, from 3 pm until 5 pm. All are welcome.



Welcome Librarian Kelly Liberona!

We are so pleased to introduce our new part-time evening and weekend librarian, Kelly Liberona. Here she is, telling us a little about her background and interests:

"I'm so excited to be working here at the Swedenborg Library! My favorite place growing up was the library; I devoured books and library events."

"I started out as an English major and then I attended library school where I thought I was set on becoming a Young Adult Librarian in a public library, since that's where I fell in love with libraries."

"I changed my mind while in Library school, where I found a new love in academic libraries. I love learning! I'd take college classes forever if I could."

"I currently also work at a children's bookstore and I own my own handmade business making gifts out of used books. You could say books are my whole life!"

"Besides being a die-hard book lover, I also love helping people. I'm excited to be able to help students with their information

needs. I'll do my best to help you find what you're looking for!"

Check out Kelly's Instagram at [instagram.com/upcycledlibrary/](https://www.instagram.com/upcycledlibrary/), where she shows beautiful handmade items she has created from recycled books.



Photo courtesy Kelly Liberona.

Swedenborg and the Arts is coming!

YOU'RE INVITED

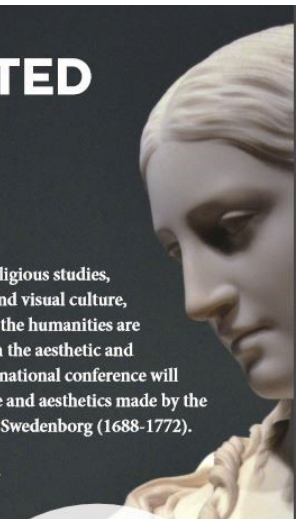
Swedenborg & the Arts
International Conference

JUNE 6-9, 2017

Bryn Athyn College, Bryn Athyn, PA

Scholars and professionals who work in religious studies, literature and literary theory, art history and visual culture, the history of ideas, and other cognates in the humanities are invited to explore the intersection between the aesthetic and the sacred. This three-and-a-half day international conference will investigate the influence on artistic culture and aesthetics made by the scientist, mystic, and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
<https://tinyurl.com/swedarts>



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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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