

# BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



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

## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Sat 12/21 - Sun 1/5 CLOSED  
Mon 1/6

Resume regular hours

Mon 1/20 MLK Day CLOSED

### END OF TERM

Mon - Thu 2/17 - 2/20  
7:30am - 11pm

Fri 2/21 7:30am - 5pm

Mon - Thu 2/24 - 2/27  
7:30am - 10pm

Fri 2/28 7:30am - 5pm

Sat - Sun 2/29 - 3/1 CLOSED

### SPRING BREAK

Mon - Fri 3/2 - 3/6 9am - 1pm  
Sat - Sun 3/7 - 3/8

CLOSED

Wed 3/11

Resume regular hours



Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year to all!

## Fall Events in the Library

### 2nd Annual Mini-Golf:

With a borrowed set of greens, clubs and golf balls (thanks to Indian Valley Public Library!) we invited students, faculty, staff and families for a fun evening touring main and upper floors of the library. New students became familiar with our facilities and discovered some of our resources while competing for prizes and munching on popcorn. Thanks to Student Affairs for joining us and



bringing popcorn!

**LNAP:** October mid-terms are always intense so we, along with the Academic Success Center, invited students to spend an evening in the library studying, de-stressing with contests and, therapy dogs, neck massages, munchies, meeting with tutors and faculty, and completing their projects and papers. We had a great turn-out and appreciate all the faculty, staff, alumni and friends support in bringing the students snacks and encouragement!

**Escape Room**—Continuing the tradition of offering an Escape Room to the students, this year we indulged in the world of



Ghostbusters! Players begin the game “locked” in our Friends Room and had 30 minutes to solve puzzles and communicate to “escape” the themed room as a team. We had over 40 participants! Players cooperatively accomplished tasks in order to achieve specific goals. The students had a fantastic time with the puzzles and spooky décor while developing creative thinking and team-building skills.

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Photos by Gwynne Haladay., Janet Carswell Lockard, and Andi Sibley.

## Swedenborgiana and Digital Collections Grants Received

This past year several important additions to Swedenborgiana were purchased from a rare book dealer in Stockholm. These included first editions of Swedenborg’s scientific works, original works by Jesper Swedberg, Christopher Polhem, Johan Tybeck and others. In Swedenborg’s work on docks, sluices and salt-works, *Underretelse om docken, slysswercken och salt-werket*, 1719, he describes the docks at Carlsrona and the locks at Carlsgraf and Trohätta. Swedenborg worked with Polhem here in the years 1717-1718. Another by Swedenborg is his book on finding the longitude on land and sea by means of the moon, *Methodus nova inveniendi longitudes locorum terrâ marique ope lunæ*, 1721. Swedenborg’s study on how to determine longitude

by means of the moon was noticed by the foreign press of his day and an article was written about it in *Acta Literaria*, January -March 1722 by Conrad Quensel at Lund University.

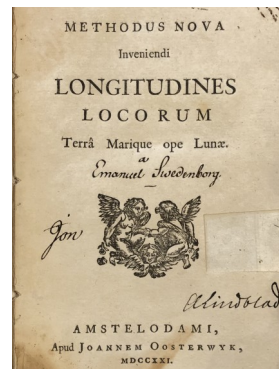
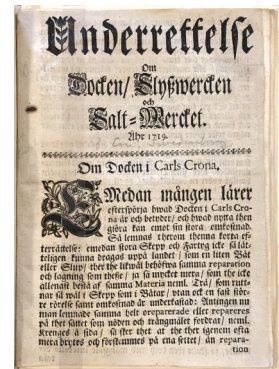
We are happy to report that in August we received a very generous grant of \$300,000 from the Wyncote Foundation. This will enable us to continue the important work of digitizing early New Church journals and books, Swedenborgiana documents, letters, images, and Academy archival material. Many of these items are fragile, and by digitizing we can preserve them, making them searchable and accessible to scholars and the New Church community world-wide. For more details about the project and the kinds of materials that are being digitized, take a look back at the Spring 2019

*BI-Lines* article written by Marvin Clymer (linked in the sidebar of our library homepage.)

We are so grateful for this grant as it will fund our digitization efforts for the next few years as we strive to raise an endowment. In order to ensure the future of these unique New Church collections, to cover digitization costs, and to provide staffing to maintain, preserve, and support research in these collections, we need your donations. It will take approximately \$3.4 million in endowment to provide permanent support for these collections which chronicle the history of New Church thought and are a critical resource for disseminating the New Church. Donations can be made online with the button on the library’s

Swedenborgiana page, or by contacting the Alumni Relations Advancement office at 267-502-2444.

- Carroll Odhner  
 Director of Swedenborgiana and  
 New Church Research



Photos by Marvin Clymer.

## Art Exhibit: Laurie Curtin

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to present a winter term art exhibit of paintings by Laurie Curtin.

Please join us Sunday, December 8, 2019 for an opening reception. A talk by the artist will be held in the

Friends Room of the Library, beginning promptly at 4:00 pm.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



"Contemplation"

## Faculty and Staff Recommends

This past summer, Bryn Athyn College was awarded a grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) and the Lilly Endowment to support professional development for faculty and staff as they assist students in finding career and life paths that have meaning and purpose. To enrich this effort, and as a supplement to some of the campus-wide activities that have already taken place, the library has several books well worth checking out. Whether you are interested in discovering and maximizing your strengths; pondering the connections between higher education and vocation; or if you simply wish to read some short, compelling stories of others who have found their calling in life, we have a book for you!

*The art of loading brush: new agrarian writings* / Wendell Berry (S44 .B46 2019)

*Callings: the purpose and passion of work* / Dave Isay with Maya Millett (HD8072 .I83 2017)

*Strengths Finder 2.0* / Tom Rath (HD38.2 .R37 2007)

*Clifton Strengths for students: your strength journey begins here* / Gallup Press (LB1062.6 .C55 2017)

*Wendell Berry and higher education: cultivating virtues of place* / Jack R. Baker and Jeffrey Bilbro; foreword by Wendell Berry (LB885.B373 B35 2017)



Photo by Gregory A. Jackson. See article below.

## Access to Online Journals

As part of an ongoing effort to make information and resources as easily available as possible, we are piloting a program to provide electronic access for some of our current subscription print journals. We recently added links in our online catalog to the current, full-text issue of 20+ journals available online. Now, titles such as *Foreign Affairs*, and *Journal of Special Education* can be perused anywhere on campus 24 hours a day! A full list of our available journals will be posted on our library website. While on campus, using campus

Internet connections, visit the Library's website and click on the "Search the Library Catalog" icon. Then, type the desired journal title into the search bar. In the results list under the record for the journal title is a link to the publisher's webpage. You can view links to volumes and issues for years we have access to. You can then browse the table of contents to find and read articles on your computer or phone. Please let us know if you would like more online access to our journals. And stay tuned for *The Chronicle of Higher Education* online in January!

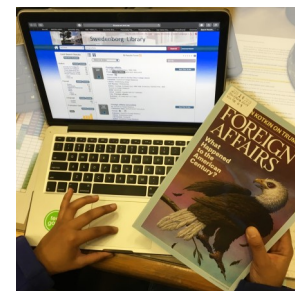


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## Design in the Archives

For the past few years the Free Library of Philadelphia has hosted a themed event during Archives Month Philly, in which archives and special collections from the area present interactive exhibits. This year we displayed materials featuring Bryn Athyn Cathedral's

stained glass. This included formulas for glass colors and glass paint from designer Lawrence Saint (who went on to become head of the stained-glass department at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC,) several pieces of stained glass, and a "cartoon" of one of the

windows designed for the cathedral. A tracing was made from a full-sized cartoon of a window. It was accompanied by a copy of the architectural drawing showing where that window was to be located. Colored pieces of paper were cut out and numbered so visitors

could "recreate" the window similar to a jigsaw puzzle.

- Gregory A. Jackson,  
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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 - Thursday	7:30 am - 10 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday	5 pm - 10 pm

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