

# BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHARTER WEEK

Thu, Oct. 19 7:30am-6pm  
Fri, Oct. 20 Noon-5pm  
Sat, Oct. 21 10 am-2 pm  
Sun, Oct. 22 7 pm-10pm

### END-OF-TERM and EXAMS

Wed-Fri, Nov. 1-3  
7:30am-11 pm  
Sat, Nov. 4 10am-2pm  
Sun, Nov. 5 7pm-11 pm  
Mon-Wed, Nov. 6-8  
7:30am-11 pm  
Fri, Nov. 10 7:30am-5pm

### FALL BREAK

Sat, Nov.11-Sun,Nov. 12  
CLOSED  
Mon-Fri, Nov. 13-17 9am-1pm  
Sat, Nov 18-Sun, Nov 19  
CLOSED  
Mon-Wed, Nov. 20-22  
9 am-1pm  
Thu, Nov. 23-Sun, Nov. 26  
CLOSED  
Mon, Nov. 27  
Winter term begins.  
Resume regular hours.

**The library has new hours  
this year: see page 4.**

## Library intern at work!

In collaboration with the English and Communications Department, the library is sponsoring an internship for one of our senior students. This term, Angela Moretti will be helping us to construct a collection development policy for our fiction books. She will be assessing our existing collections, and considering a number of both practical and philosophical questions that influence our library's decision-making process. Angie will be researching our students' reading habits and preferences; how our collection is used currently;

and the value of leisure reading in an academic setting. She will also delve into the deeper questions of determining when a work is considered fiction and when it is literature, and is there a difference?

This is the first time the library has sponsored an internship of this nature. We are pleased to have Angie on board, and look forward to seeing the results of her work.



Angela Moretti, English major

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## Fall art exhibit: Stephen Conroy photography

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to announce a new exhibit of photography by Stephen Conroy.

Steve is an avid local photographer and winner of the 2016 Jenkintown Arts Festival in the photography category. You can view his

work on Instagram and Facebook and at [Stephenconroyphotography.com](http://Stephenconroyphotography.com)

Photos will be on display in the library until Nov. 10.

The Friends of the Library will host an opening with a talk by the artist Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17 at 4pm. We hope to see you there!



"Sequoia" by Stephen Conroy

## Carroll's Corner: Swedenborgiana

The Swedenborgiana and Academy Archives contain a collection of lantern slides that chronicle the life and times of Emanuel Swedenborg and the early Bryn Athyn community and schools. These historic slides were used by early teachers in the Academy of the New Church to instruct students about Swedenborg and his life and works, and about New Church people, places, buildings, and events. Some of your grandparents and parents may be seen in these slides.

A lantern slide, also known as a magic lantern slide, is an early form of image projection, that uses pictures sandwiched between sheets of glass, and a bright light source (hence the lantern) to project an image. It was first developed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but wasn't in wide use until

around 1900 and then, mainly for educational purposes. It was the precursor of the slide projector.

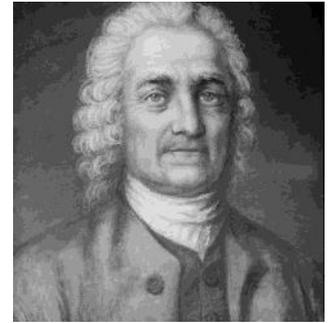
We are very grateful to the Glencairn Foundation for awarding us a grant to cover the expenses of preserving and digitizing 461 of these historic slides. Rachel Wetzel at the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) in Philadelphia is in the process of restoring the slides.

Rachel and I have been asked to give a presentation for the Lantern Slides Gala held at the Wagner Free Institute of Science on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

Our presentation is titled, "Preserving and Digitizing of a Swedenborgian Heritage – the Lantern Slides of Swedenborg and the Early Bryn Athyn Community." Rachel will talk about the work and methods used to preserve and digitize

this collection and I will give a brief history for the slides presented. Marvin Clymer will assist with loading lantern slides into the projector at the museum for our talk.

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## A.N.C. Yearbooks & Banners

Every fall the yearbooks and banners from the A.N.C. reunion classes are added to the Swedenborg Library Digital Collections in time for the Charter Day weekend (October 20-22). A total of 73 yearbooks and 96 banners can be found at [www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital](http://www.swedenborglibrary.org/digital).

Select: Archives > Academy of the New Church > Banner Collection



Photos by Marvin Clymer

## Congratulations, Kelly !!



Photo courtesy of Kelly Liberona

We are proud to introduce Matteo Javier Luis Liberona, brand new son of our part-time librarian Kelly Liberona!

Kelly will be returning to the library on October 1. We wish all the best to her growing family!

## Introducing Janet Carswell Lockard

Meet our Circulation Manager, Janet Carswell Lockard. Janet attended Bryn Athyn College, and also now works for General Church Education.

Janet will be working part-time in our library, managing the circulation desk and supervising student workers. She has already instilled a spirit of fun in our work environment, and is proving her many organizational and creative skills. We are looking forward to a great year! Welcome, Janet!



## New parking rules

If you haven't been on campus lately, we want to let you know that a new parking plan went into effect at the beginning of fall term. Parking on any college campus can be a challenge, but the new arrangements should help to alleviate some of the headaches. All cars registered to park on campus are assigned stickers matching designated parking areas: staff, faculty, or student.

Visitors to the library can pick up a temporary parking pass to hang in your car's window. You can get one at the front desk in the library or in the Brickman Center. Restrictions are lifted on evenings and weekends unless temporary restrictions are imposed by Security.

If you are a regular volunteer or frequent visitor, please contact Janet Lockard or Carol Traveny at the library for more details.

## SnapCab® comes to the library!

We are thrilled to announce the installation of a SnapCab® "Pod" on the main floor of the library. Through a very generous donation by the company, we are able to showcase this quiet, self-contained, semi-private space for small group collaboration, study, video conferencing, or phone calls. Space will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. More details are coming. Check it out!

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## New catalog computer kiosk on the upper level

The next time you are up on our second floor, please notice the new computer kiosk at the end of the shelves right near the stairwell. This has been especially set up for to search our library catalog, but you can search the Internet as well.

In the past, if you were upstairs and wanted to look for a specific book or check a call number, you had to go

downstairs to the main desk or connect to the library's online catalog with your own computer. The addition of this kiosk makes it much easier for patrons and staff to search the catalog directly from the stacks, saving time and reducing frustration.

We hope you have a chance to try it out and let us know if it helps you!



*"Midday with Sandburg, in the stacks."*

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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 (New!)
Sunday	7 pm - 10 pm

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