

# BI-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



## SPECIAL SCHEDULES

### CHARTER WEEK

Thu, Oct. 11 7:30am-10 pm  
Fri, Oct. 12 Noon-5pm  
Sat, Oct. 13 10 am-2 pm  
Sun, Oct. 14 5pm-10pm

### END-OF-TERM and EXAMS

Sun, Oct. 28 5 pm - 11pm  
Mon, Oct. 29 - Thu, Nov. 1  
7:30am - 11pm  
Fri, Nov. 2 7:30am - 5pm  
Sat, Nov. 3 10am - 2pm  
Sun, Nov. 4 5pm - 10pm  
Mon-Thu, Nov. 5-8  
7:30am-10pm  
Fri, Nov. 9 7:30am-5pm

### FALL BREAK

Sat-Sun, Nov. 10 & 11  
CLOSED  
Mon-Fri, Nov. 12-16  
9am-1pm  
Sat-Sun, Nov 17 & 18  
CLOSED  
Mon-Wed, Nov. 19-21  
9 am-1pm  
Thu-Sun, Nov. 22-25  
CLOSED  
Mon, Nov. 26  
Winter term begins.  
Regular hours resume.

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

## NEW Seminar Rooms on the Upper Floor of the Library

August was an exciting month as we unveiled two new collaborative spaces in the library! As Bryn Athyn College has grown, library spaces are frequently scheduled for classes. The Friends of the Swedenborg Library Room, and the computer lab in Room 301 are both in regular use. In fact, there are few places anywhere on campus available for meetings or small-group study.

To address this issue, we have installed two glass-wall partitions on the upper level. We recognized the need for alternative work spaces in the library, and the idea developed over several years as we were inspired by similar spaces in other colleges. We wanted the new rooms to be both functional and attractive, and to fit well with the existing

architecture. We think we have succeeded—the installation was completed on August 15.

Each room can accommodate up to 15 people. Called Seminar Rooms 1 and 2, they can be reserved through the campus Outlook calendar. If you would like help reserving one of these spaces and need assistance, we are happy to help!

Although they are not sound-proof, the rooms provide a location for quiet, group activity in the library. Please note that the upper level of the library is a designated quiet area. Ask at the front desk if you need help finding another spot where noise is acceptable.

Meanwhile, you may notice that the upper level is still a “work in progress.” We

appreciate your patience as we put the final touches on this beautiful, useful part of our library.

## Chat



Look for our new chat window on the library webpage. For access to a librarian no matter where you are, you can get help with research, or information on hours and services.

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## Re-Introducing Our New Church Collections

In this issue we would like to highlight the staff who maintain, preserve and digitize our special New Church collections.



**Academy Archives**  
**Gregory Jackson**

“The Academy of the New Church Archives is the repository of records for the General Church of the New Jerusalem as well as Bryn Athyn College, ANCSS Boys and Girls Schools. The holdings also include topics such as the Military Service Committee, commencement programs, plays and athletics, and the records of many church societies, including the early history of Bryn Athyn. Because of its large holding of biographical/family records, the archives is

used extensively by genealogists, authors, and other scholars. Searching can be done by choosing the Archives tab on Swedenborg Library’s web page. For assistance and access to the archives, my hours are mornings, Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 am until noon, or by appointment.”



**Digital Collections**  
**Marvin Clymer**

“The primary purpose of the New Church Digital Collections is to make the Swedenborg Library Special Collections more available to researchers, scholars, and interested people around the world. I am responsible for creating and maintaining these online resources. I

supervise Bryn Athyn College students who digitize early New Church journals, books, manuscripts, photographs, and documents for the Collections. We also handle special requests for material from researchers and other New Church organizations.

I enjoy helping users locate specific material in our Digital Collections from 8 am to 5 pm, weekdays.”.

### Swedenborgiana



**Swedenborgiana**  
**and New Church Research**  
**Carroll Odhner**

“The director provides research into the Swedenborgiana and New Church Literature collections, coordinating with the archivist when needed. College classes and

scholars are welcome to request research assistance and informational tours and exhibits. Through exhibits, presentations and articles, I promote the special collections and raise funding to support their preservation and digitization. Currently, my most important goal as director is to encourage donations to create an endowment. Right now, we are funded primarily by grants which will run out in a year or two. If you have questions or would like to come for a visit, my hours are mornings, Tuesdays through Thursdays.”

For contact information for all three offices, see the Swedenborg Library web page <https://brynathyn.edu/swedenborg-library/>

- Carroll Odhner  
*Director of Swedenborgiana and  
New Church Research*

## New Gallery Name & Art Exhibit: Tom Rose

### “Art Speaks Volumes”

We are thrilled to announce the new name for our art space, in the area near the BAC bookstore and café. The name was selected last spring by Friends of the Swedenborg Library President, Suzy Laidlaw,

from contest entries submitted by our patrons.

The Friends host three art exhibits each year, featuring members of the greater Bryn Athyn community, and other local artists.

Please join us at the opening reception for the next exhibit,

featuring the paintings of Tom Rose.

The opening reception, on Sunday, September 16, will begin with a talk by the artist at 4 pm. The talk will take place in the Friends Room of the library. Tom’s work will be on view until November 23.



“Encounter” ©Tom Rose, 2007.

## Academic Success Center Renovation

We are thrilled to introduce an upgraded *Academic Success Center* at the far north end of the upper level of the library. Ann Buss directs this *Success Center* and she and her team of student tutors offer support in all academic subjects.

Extended hours and more training for tutors are part of the plans for this fall. We will be adding more study carrels, more outlets and study areas where tutors can meet one-on-one with students. Students can stop by to schedule an appointment, or call us at 267-502-2449. Hours are 12pm to 8pm M,T, W, Th.

Visit the BAC website to read more and find a calendar of open times for tutoring. <https://brynathyn.edu/academics/support-services/>



## NEW Hydration Station in the Library

Our water fountain has been updated by the installation of a brand new hydration station in the library, in the hallway near the restrooms. Sip from the fountain and then fill your water bottle with fresh, filtered, cool water.

Help to save the planet while keeping your brain and body hydrated to maximize energy and power!



## Mini Golf in the Library!

We recently held a fun evening of mini golf in the library as a way to introduce students to the library, and as a 'start of the year' icebreaker.

On August 23, students, staff, faculty, and family members played through nine holes, each featuring fun facts on the services and resources available in the library. Prizes were awarded at the end of play, and the evening was a great success with over 60 people in attendance.

Our own Student Life office and the BAC Golf Team chipped in for prizes, and helped with set up and clean up.

Check out photos from the event at <https://tinyurl.com/librarygolf>

Start practicing your putting — we're already making plans for next year!

## Mostly Fiction Collection Moved to Café Area

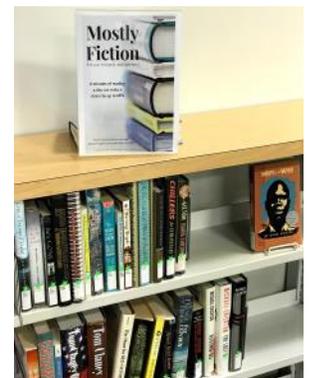
We were very busy this past summer reorganizing our fiction and literature sections.

In order to increase opportunities for leisure reading, we have moved a number of popular, current books that we think students will find interesting and attractive to the main floor near the café and bookstore.

It replaces the paperback "Browsery" collection which has been discontinued. The new collection will have a checkout period of one entire academic year, giving readers the chance to enjoy a book without having to return it before they've finished. We call it "*Mostly Fic*" because we have also included a few recent,

trendy, non-fiction books we think will be interesting, too. You are welcome to take a look and find a good read!

For more fiction, check out the Literature section (P) on the upper level.



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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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