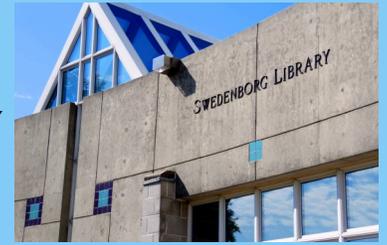


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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SCHEDULES

Fall Hours

Beginning Mon, Sept 14:
Mon, Tue, Thu: 7:30 am - 6 pm
Wed: 7:30 am - 9 pm
Fri: 7:30 am - 1 pm
Sat - Sun CLOSED

Fall and Winter Break

Wed, Nov 25 - Sun, Jan 3, 2021

Classes Resume

Mon, Jan 4, 2021

College Grounds Café is
CLOSED fall term.

**LOOK FOR UPDATES
ON OUR WEBSITE.**

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

Library Books and Shelves Find a New Home in Lesotho

This summer we received a thank you note from the Lord's New Church in Philadelphia in response to our donation of books and library bookshelves for Rev. Tiisang Keketsi, President of the International Church and facilitator of the New Church High School in Lesotho, Africa.

The high school was established in 2019, joining an elementary school established by the Lord's New Church over 30 years ago.

In 2018, we found that we had a surplus of shelving on the upper level of the Library as we made space for the new seminar rooms and expanded the Academic Success Center. We were

having difficulty finding a new home for these extra shelves, and were happy to discover that the Lesotho High School could use them.

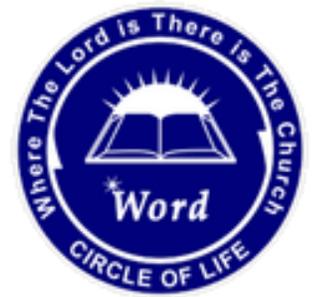
We were also able to provide a large shipment of books from the Friends of the Swedenborg Library's used book sale to stock their library.

Shipping large, heavy objects across the globe is still a complicated and expensive endeavor. Fortunately fundraising, and much patient coordination undertaken by the Lord's New Church in Philadelphia made it possible. Last summer, shipping crates of books and steel library shelves traveled to Lesotho by boat and land transport.

They report that everything arrived safely and was set up. They are very happy to have the books and shelves to supplement their library and classroom programs.

We hear that Rev. Keketsi is hoping to be able to use these resources to train new theologians as well, as the Church in Africa is growing.

Pictures below show the library in Lesotho High School.



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Swedenborgiana Updates

We recently received three models of Swedenborg's mechanical inventions from the library of Urbana University, now a part of Franklin University. These models--a pulley for lifting logs, one for lifting heavy weights, and another for transporting canons--had been on loan and exhibited in their library since 2006. The models were built by Donald Bowman for the Swedenborg Foundation's Museum exhibit entitled *Emanuel Swedenborg, 18th Century Scientist*. Unfortunately, one of the models was damaged during shipping and will need repairs. However, we are very pleased to receive these models back and have offered to accept other New Church material if the university decides to disband its collections.

During the pandemic

lockdown, research requests from scholars have increased. A recent request which you might find interesting was about the first English and French translations of Swedenborg's Writings. We were able to send a link to our digitized copy of *Hyde's Bibliography of the Works of Emanuel Swedenborg* as well as send information about some early translations. One of the earliest English translations of The Writings, was William Cookworthy's translation of *The Doctrine of Life for the New Jerusalem*, published in 1772 at Cookworthy's expense. Another early translator into English was John Marchant, who translated *Brief Exposition* and *A Letter to a Friend*, both in 1769, the year he passed away. An early French translator was Jean Pierre Moët, 1721-1806, who

translated in manuscript form *Du Culte et de l'Amour de Dieu*: pt. I in 1780 and pt. 2 in 1785. This kind of requests shows how vital our New Church Digital Collections are for research about Swedenborg and the New Church.

Fortunately, we received three new grants which will support our efforts to raise an endowment and enable the on-going work of digitizing our precious New Church collections. From the Glencairn Foundation we received a grant of \$100,000, and from the Asplundh Foundation a grant of \$20,000. Both grants were towards the Endowment for Swedenborgiana and New Church Collections. The Carpenter Fellowship Fund again gave a grant of \$9,000, which supports for another

year the students who scan items for the New Church Digital Collections. We also recently received another payment of \$100,000 from the Wyncote Foundation grant of \$300,000 for digitization in 2019. This will enable us to continue our work in the coming year. We are very grateful for these grants from foundations as well as the donations from individual donors. If you would like to contribute or have questions about our collections or New Church research, you can contact me at

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or call 267 502-2547.



Photo by Marvin Clymer

Art Exhibit Features Page Morahan's Photography

Last spring we planned an opening for the exhibit "*Hemispheric Contrasts: Local and Amazon*" by Page S. Morahan, Ph.D. Sadly, it was postponed when the campus closed due to the pandemic. But now we extend our welcome to Dr.

Morahan with a virtual presentation via Zoom on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 4pm. Contact Carol Traveny for an invitation to this live, online event. Links to a digital version of her exhibit will also be available on the library webpage.

Images of the North Campus Field of Bryn Athyn College are combined with images from the Southern Hemisphere, in Peru's Upper Amazon.

As part of her professional career as an international leadership educator in the



Page S. Morahan, Ph.D

health professions, she has created greeting cards and calendars for *Page's Pages Around the World*.

New Electronic Resources added: E-books and Open Access Journal Articles!

This summer the librarians and staff have been busy adding new e-books and electronic journal articles to our catalog, in order to extend our reach and meet the needs of faculty and students working in virtual environments.

We have begun a partnership with OverDrive® to supply e-books to our faculty, students, and staff. Just like at the public library, they can download the Libby app on their devices, connect to the Swedenborg Library’s OverDrive® site, sign in with their barcode and PIN, search our catalog, and request e-books. These will be delivered directly to their phone, e-reader, or computer with Kindle™ or .epub software where they will be able to borrow the e-books for 14 days.

We are also excited to

announce that we will be adding thousands of electronically published journal articles made available through a pilot program with our library management system vendor SirsiDynix. These Open Access articles will enhance our collection and provide a wealth of materials for student and faculty research. The program is called *CloudSource OA*.

From the SirsiDynix website: *“CloudSource OA is a curated collection of Open Access digital content from the world’s leading scholarly publishers, covering a wide array of subjects.”*

The Open Access movement is one response to the ever-increasing subscription costs levied by publishers of scholarly journals which have strained the budgets of academic libraries for years. Increasingly, peer-reviewed

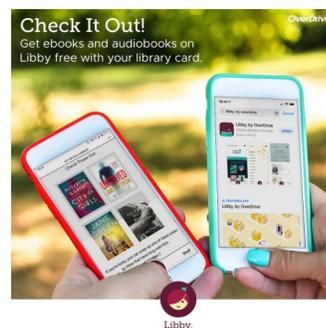
journals are making “open access” content available, which means that anyone can access it without having to subscribe to the journal or pay to read.

To date, SirsiDynix has collected almost 27,000 journals and close to 7 million articles in *CloudSource OA* that are high-quality and current, written by experts in the field, and reviewed by professionals. We are happy to be able to bring these excellent digital resources to our campus in the near future.

We also look forward to continuing this conversation as we see how all these new materials are used by our community. Stay tuned!



Read on Libby.
The one-tap reading app from our library.



PAForward Star Library Program, Contributing to Student Success!

Libraries have moved far beyond just being book repositories. They are agile institutions serving real-life needs. Swedenborg Library is participating in the **PA Forward Star Library Program**, part of the Pennsylvania Library Association’s 21st Century

Literacies Initiative. This initiative highlights libraries’ role in the lives of all citizens. We will promote programs that improve our student’s command of five types of literacy: information, civic and social, basic, health, and financial. These literacies are necessary for increasing the

chance for success in all vital roles of life--as students, as parents, as employees, as consumers, as citizens. *“... libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning to support all of our citizens.” (from PAForward)*



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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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