

Bl-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



SPECIAL SCHEDULES

FALL Term begins Aug 25

REGULAR HOURS

Mon-Thu	8am - 9pm
Fri	8am - 5pm
Sat	CLOSED
Sun	5pm - 9pm

Mon, Sep 5, Labor Day
CLOSED

CHARTER WEEKEND

Thu, Oct 7	8am - 5pm
Fri, Oct 7	8am - noon
Sun, Oct 9	5pm - 9pm

EXAM WEEK: Nov 7 - 10

Mon -Thu	8am - 9pm
Fri	9am - 1pm
Sat - Sun	CLOSED

FALL BREAK

Fri, Nov 11 - Sun, Nov 27	
Mon - Fri	9am - 1pm
Sat - Sun	CLOSED
Nov 24 & 25	CLOSED

Resume Regular Hours

Mon, Nov 28, 2022

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

Sharing Our Vision and Values

This summer, librarians and staff got together to articulate our hopes, dreams, and vision for the

Swedenborg Library in the coming year. We met for the day at Cranaleith Retreat Center in Fox Chase, where we enjoyed the beautiful, peaceful setting and excellent food. The purpose of our retreat was to refine our vision statement, define our values, and to clarify our goals and objectives for this academic year.

In the coming year we plan to increase our involvement and presence in all aspects of campus life, getting to know students and faculty as we work to facilitate student success, promote our library resources, visit classes, and invite them into the library.

We are also continuing to diversify our collection and will be introducing new tools for searching and finding materials in our catalog and databases as well as new ways for faculty to push resources directly to students' email inboxes. (See page 2)

We are excited about expanding our collection of Reserve Textbooks and Open Access scholarly journals to increase the scope of our resources, as well as to lower students' costs. We are also working to increase our collaboration with Student Services and Resident Life, to engage with students and faculty in fun, interesting ways. We have already invited our newest students to come to the library for short tours and presentations

during orientation week, and we all had a blast during our 4th annual Mini-golf in the Library event! (See page 3)

We look forward to a stellar year of learning and engagement.

WE VALUE:

OUR USERS
CREATIVITY
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CARING
POLYVOCALITY

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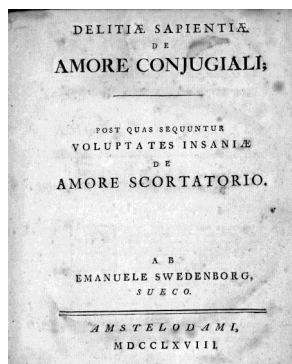
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Our Vision:

The Swedenborg Library is the heart of
Bryn Athyn College where students
are empowered to succeed.

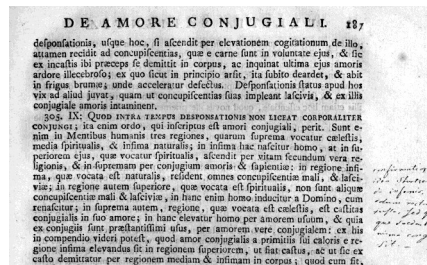
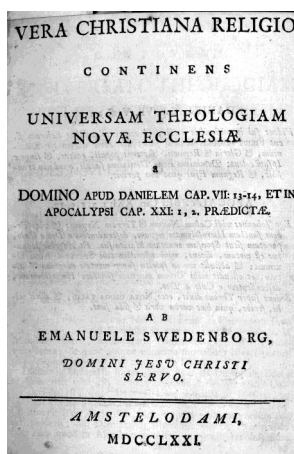
Donation of Swedenborg's first editions and New Church books

On August 16th we were pleased to receive former Academy alumnus, Norman Norton, who generously donated to Swedenborgiana his collection of ten of Swedenborg's first editions. Some of these volumes, including *Heaven and Hell* and *True Christian Religion*, contain handwritten notes and corrections throughout the text, as well as some numbering of paragraph headings. The challenge will



be to identify who made the notes. The cursive writing is similar to samples of the handwriting of Swedenborg's time.

This summer we also were pleased to be invited by Erland Brock's family to select from his vast collection of New Church books and bring them to the library for future cataloging. Included in their gift was a first English edition of *Heaven and Hell*, published in London in 1778.



We are so happy to accept these additions to the New Church collections.

This brings up the need for assistance to aid in the checking of incoming New Church material including these collections and others such as the Forbes Collection mentioned in earlier issues. We could use some volunteers to help in this process.

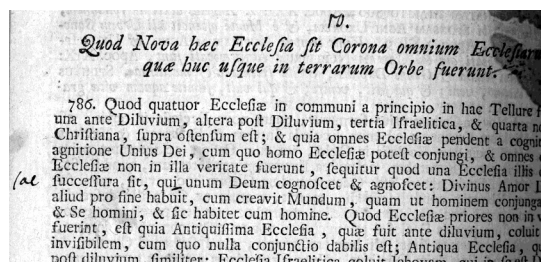
Funding to provide support for librarian cataloging and supplies for housing these books will also help fill a critical need. If you would like to donate volunteer time or funds toward this, please email me or leave a message.

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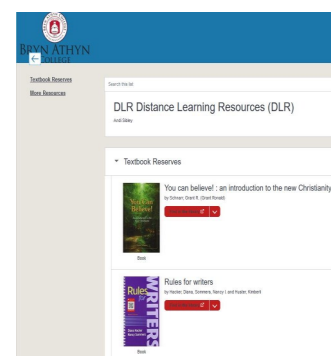
BLUEcloud Course Lists

SirsiDynix, our library management system, is developing new products to integrate all our digital resources. BLUEcloud Course Lists is one of the modules we are implementing this fall. The faculty will be able to curate links to books and journal

articles in our collections, in addition to Open Access books, articles, webpages, media, and just about anything they want to share with their students. With a convenient browser-based tool and the BLUEcloud Central dashboard they will easily create and link resource

lists to their syllabi, add them to their online Moodle courses, or email them directly to students. This will facilitate gathering and organizing course materials and supplemental classroom resources.

Watch for more on CloudSource+ coming soon.



4th Annual Mini-Golf in the Library

We had such a wonderful time hosting everyone at our 4th annual Mini-Golf in the library event! The first Monday of the term found us setting up greens, clubs and a bucket of golf balls supplied by “Portable Putt Putt” of Philadelphia. (Look for them on Facebook). Students, faculty, staff, and friends played nine holes and competed for prizes--including best score and a bonus raffle. With the popcorn and soda flowing there was no shortage of laughter, smiles, and good feeling!



This is our favorite way to welcome new students to campus and reacquaint the returning upper classmen. New friendships are formed as each area of the library is explored. From the café, the hydration station, the Friends room, and the New Church Collateral Literature on the Main level, to the Stacks, Seminar Rooms, and the Academic Success Center on the Upper level, students learn their way around while honing their putting skills. It's a great way to tee off a successful year!

One of the students commented on how much fun it was to explore all the different areas of the library. He was impressed with our café and book collection. Another student suggested we have a “Hide and Seek” event in the library because he thought it would be so fun to hide in the stacks!

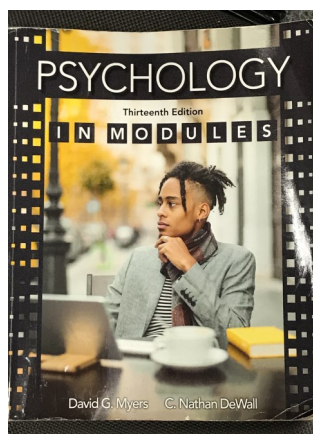


This year's prize for lowest score went to Reid Schroeder with a score of 17 on a 9 hole, 3 par course. The raffle prize of a \$40 gift certificate to Penn Cinema in Huntingdon Valley went to Aiden York. Congratulations to them both!



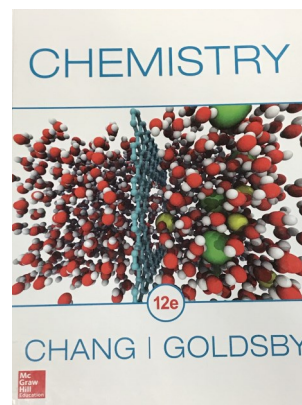
Photos by Andi Sibley and Tara Earnest

Our Reserve Textbook Collection is Growing



We are continuing to work with the faculty to increase our collection of current textbooks available for students to use in the library. Having access to expensive texts at no cost is important to students, enabling them to focus on learning and completing assignments without worrying about

breaking their budget. We have added some e-book textbooks to our Overdrive collection, as well as Open Access books that can be read online or printed locally. We are happy to see these books used more and more and look forward to finding additional ways to reduce textbook costs.



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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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