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Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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SPECIAL SCHEDULES

EASTER

Fri—Sun Apr 14 -16 CLOSED
Mon Apr 17
RESUME REGULAR HOURS

EXAM WEEK

Fri, May 19 7:30 am - 5 pm
Sat, May 20 CLOSED
Sun, May 21: 2 pm - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Mon - Wed, May 22-24:
7:30 am - 6 pm
and 7 pm - 11 pm
Fri, May 26 7:30 am - 5pm
Sat-Mon, May 27-29
Commencement/
Memorial Day) CLOSED
Tue, May 30

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN

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

**The Library will be CLOSED
on Monday, July 3 and
Monday, June 20.**

**College Grounds Café will be
closed for the summer.**

Jonathan Rose speaks at the FOSL annual meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Swedenborg Library was held on Sunday, February 12, 2017 in the Pendleton Hall Chapel. Margaret Gladish was elected to another term as Vice President, and Alaine York to a second term as Secretary. Reports from the Treasurer, the President, and Library Director were also presented. A proposal for the Annual Friends Gift to the Library was made by the Library Director Carol Traveny for a computer kiosk to be installed on the second floor of the library. This computer station will be available to patrons who wish to access the online catalog or check information on the library website. Additional funding toward the College program "Long Night Against Procrastination", a popular event, held each term in the

library to support academic achievement, was also proposed. Members approved \$4,000 that will cover the expenses of both projects.

However, the highlight of the event preceded the business meeting, in the form of a fascinating talk by the Rev. Dr. Jonathan S. Rose. Rose's talk, titled "Indexing his way into further enlightenment: discovering Swedenborg's work process through translation" described the intricate and mind-bending work of translating the manuscripts of Emanuel Swedenborg. Swedenborg's ideas and understanding grew as he read and re-read his manuscripts. Beyond the simple keyword cross-references we are familiar with, the indexes Swedenborg constructed serve as records of his evolving

theology. He used them to note new insights; to record additional thoughts and experiences; and to expand on ideas developed in earlier drafts. Swedenborg's indexes are complex works in

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*Rev. Dr. Jonathan Rose is an editor and translator of Swedenborg's works. You can view a recording of his talk, recorded here:
<https://youtu.be/NPLoJtDYwNk>*



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Spring art exhibit: Paintings by Martha Gyllenhaal

The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to announce a new exhibit of paintings by Martha Gyllenhaal.

Dr. Gyllenhaal, head of the Fine Arts Area of Bryn Athyn College, is an art historian and painter who integrates humanities and the fine arts in her teaching. She enjoys using

the art collections in Glencairn Museum to enhance her classes.

An opening reception with a talk by the artist will be held on Sunday, April 23. All are welcome.

The paintings will be on display in the Library through early summer.



Dr. Martha Gyllenhaal

Carroll's Corner: Swedenborgiana

Recent research about Swedenborg and the New Church has been keeping me busy the past few months. Several requests came from scholars who are speakers at the upcoming "Swedenborg and the Arts Conference" held on the Bryn Athyn College campus June 6-9th. For information on the conference and registration links go to:

<https://brynathyn.edu/swedenborg-and-the-arts-conference/>

I've had a request for information on Rev. John Isaac Hawkins, a Methodist minister who was introduced to the Doctrines of the New Church by Rev. James Hindmarsh in 1785. He was ordained in 1805 and was active as a minister to New Church societies in Great Britain until his death in 1820.

Another request was from a

history professor at St. Vincent College, for a copy of the rare book *A Word of Advice*, by Benedict Chastanier 1795. Only two copies known in the world, one in Stockholm and the other a photocopy at the Swedenborg Society, London. We were able to get a scan from the Swedenborg Society, which we added to our collection and also sent on to the professor. The professor is working on a book about Rev. Manoah Sibly, an early New Church minister in London.

Also, a request for a copy of the handwritten French translation by Rev. E.E. Iungerich of *Spiritual Experiences* for Rev. Sylvain Agnes, our pastor in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

From a conference speaker came a request for information on Swedenborg and Dostoevsky and the article written on this topic by Ceslaw Milosez published in *Slavic Review* in 1955.

There have been many other fascinating inquiries. Be sure to attend the conference coming in June to hear more!

Besides working on research requests, I'm taking an inventory of the New Church collection and updating records when needed. This is a tedious, but very crucial endeavor as the last full inventory was conducted many years ago. If working with rare books and the New Church collections has an interest for you, please feel free to contact me, as I could use a volunteer or two to help with the inventory and shifting of books.

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*Photos of the LNAP by
Angella Irwin.*

Congratulations, Graduates!



This year we say good-bye to two of our wonderful student workers:

Saryluz Ramos and Lauren O'Conner are graduating.

The Staff and Volunteers of the Swedenborg Library wish you much happiness and success as you begin the next stage of your journey. Congratulations! We're proud of you!

FOSL meeting (cont.)

themselves, but amazingly, they have been virtually neglected by publishers. Jonathan Rose presents them as a wealth of new and enticing resources for research and scholarship into Swedenborgian thought.

If you missed Dr. Rose’s talk, you can watch it and other similar events, such as the “Bryn Athyn College Distinguished Speakers Series” online by visiting live.brynthyn.edu. The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are grateful for the opportunity to share Dr. Rose’s presentation with a wider audience, and look forward to hosting additional programs in the future.

Long Night Against Procrastination

On Tuesday, January 10th the Swedenborg Library hosted another successful Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP)! The library was bustling with student energy. Throughout the night, Bryn Athyn College faculty, tutors of the ACE program, and library staff were there to provide their assistance, tutoring, and encouragement. There was even a therapy dog on hand for stress-relief!

There were tons of snacks and prizes along with ample study space and study support. There were 85 people in the library at 9 pm and there were still 22 people at 2 am! Our six and a half-hour night finished with over 340 combined hours of studying. Way to go, students! The library looks forward to seeing you for the next LNAP on Tuesday, April 11 from 7:30 pm until 2 am. Be there!

April is National Poetry Month

Did you know April is National Poetry Month? Founded in 1996 with an purpose to “highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets, encourage the reading of poems, assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms, increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media, encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and encourage support for poets and poetry.” (from the website: <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/about-celebration>)

On Thursday, April 27th join us in celebrating Poem in Your Pocket day! Print out your own poem or stop by the Swedenborg Library where we’ll be handing out pocket-sized poems you can share throughout the day. See how you brighten that person’s day with a poem! Don’t forget to post your poem to social media using the hashtag #pocketpoem.



Photo by Andi Sibley.

**Announcing
The Second Annual
“Poem in Your
Pocket Day”
at the
Swedenborg Library!
April 27, 2017**

**Stop by and grab a
poem for your pocket !!**

Knitting and crocheting for Warm Up America!

This winter and spring, students, faculty, staff and friends have been contributing to our Warm Up America! charity project. We’ve been making 7”x9” knitted or crocheted blocks to be joined into an afghan, which will be given to a family connected to the local Byrn Athyn Cares refugee support group.

Instructions, yarn, hooks, and needles were made available in the library and seasoned crafters, as well as beginners, joined in—

adding a few rows, or creating an entire quilt block.

Warm Up America! is a nationwide charity that encourages local groups to work together to share warmth and care to those in need. Projects can be mailed to their headquarters or given to local agencies. You can learn more about them at their website:

www.warmupamerica.org/



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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 through Thursday

7:30 am - 6 pm | 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday CLOSED

Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm | 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

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