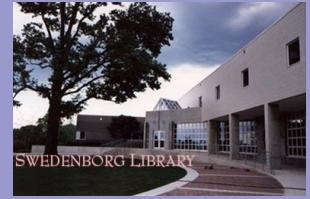


# Bi-Lines

Notes and News from the SWEDENBORG LIBRARY



## SPECIAL HOURS

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec 19 7:30am to 5pm

Sat, Dec 20—Sun, Jan 4  
CLOSED

Mon, Jan 5 REGULAR HOURS

Mon, Jan 19 MLK Observance  
CLOSED

### EXAM WEEK

Sun, Feb 22 2pm - 6pm  
and 7 pm - 11pm

Mon, Feb 23--Thu, Feb 26  
7:30am - 6pm  
and 7pm - 11pm

Fri, Feb 27 7:30am - 5pm

### SPRING BREAK

Sat, Feb 28 - Sun, Mar 1  
CLOSED

Mon, Mar 2 - Fri, Mar 6  
9am - 1pm

Sat, Mar 7 - Sun, Mar 8  
CLOSED

Mon, Mar 9 REGULAR HOURS

Bryn Athyn College / Academy of the New Church

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

## Our staff picks literary gift ideas from FOSL

Garrison Keillor said it best:

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." We couldn't agree more! That's why we are presenting some great gift suggestions from the Friends of the Swedenborg Library's used book sale. These are all gently-used books that we've read and loved, and that are currently on the sale shelves. We offer good reading at fantastic prices---treat yourself , or finish your Christmas shopping early this year!

Rosanne B. picks:

\* *This boy's life / Tobias Wolff*

A classic memoir of a difficult and often funny adolescence

in 1950s America.

\* *Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption / Lauren Hillenbrand*  
The riveting, true story of Louis Zamperini who died recently at age 96.

\* *Where the heart is / Billie Letts*

A novel of the trials of low income and foster children in the United States. The story centers around Novalee who finds herself living in a Walmart in Oklahoma.

Carroll O. picks:

\* *March / Geraldine Brooks*

Brooks imagines the Civil War experiences of the father

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## Greetings from the Library Staff and Volunteers

*"And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself."*

*--Sigrid Undset*



## Staff picks...continued



in Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* in this intriguing, well-researched novel.

\**Riding the bus with my sister / Rachel Simon.*

An intellectually challenged woman spends her days riding city buses near her Philadelphia home. This book chronicles the year her sister, the author, accompanied her.

\**Pygmy Kitabu / Jean-Pierre*

*Hallet with Alex Pelle*

A revealing account of the origin and legends of the African Pygmies. The pharaohs of Egypt always included a Pygmy in their court because they believed that they were special children of God.

Carol T. picks:

\**The book thief / Markus Zusak*

A haunting, beautifully written tale about love and courage in a small German

town near the end of the Second World War. The narrator is Death.

\**Catherine, called Birdy / Karen Cushman* (for Grades 6-8)

A Newberry award-winner, this book chronicles life in 13<sup>th</sup> century England as seen through Birdy's journal. The genius of the story, however, is in the portrayal of the stubborn, willful, and ultimately delightful title character.

\**Rootabaga stories, Part 2 / Carl Sandburg; illustrated by Michael Hague* (for children or anyone!)

Wonderful wordplay, whimsy, and silliness abound in this volume of interrelated short stories written for his own children, by a master of American literature.



Gwynne H. picks:

\**Sisterhood of the traveling*

## Elaine Knight exhibits paintings of Endangered Species



The Friends of the Swedenborg Library are pleased to present an exhibit of paintings by local artist, Elaine Knight.

The subjects of Elaine's work are creatures who are considered endangered or threatened with extinction.

The beauty of the images alone makes an excellent case for the protection of these magnificent animals.

The exhibit will run through February, 2015. An opening reception, with a talk by the artist will take place on Sunday, December 7,

beginning at 4 pm. All are invited to attend.

A display of books from the library's collection related to the exhibit are also on display, and are available for checkout.

## Staff picks...continued

### Pants / Ann Brashares

A fun, young adult book that grown women will enjoy too. It is a positive story about the bond between four friends as they start facing more mature life decisions.

\**Do princesses wear hiking boots? / Carmela LaVigna Coyle / Illustrated by Mike Gordon*  
A heart-warming picture book for little girls who love princesses but do not behave quite like one themselves.

\**White oleander / Janet Fitch*  
An emotional and powerful story of a young girl's journey in different foster care homes, and finding herself through her continuously changing life.

### Marvin C. picks:

\**A compendium of the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg / Samuel M. Warren*

People interested in learning more about the religious philosophy of Emanuel Swedenborg are easily intimidated by his 30 volumes of theological writings. Where do you begin? The *Compendium* is a great place to start. It is a collection of excerpts from Swedenborg's many works, organized by subjects such as

Heaven, God, Creation, Divine Providence, Marriage, The Church, The Ten Commandments and Repentance.

Of course, these are only a few titles from the hundreds of good books available. Stop by and browse--you may find a literary treasure or two --and support the library! Happy holidays, happy reading!



## Save the date: Friends of the Swedenborg Library annual meeting

The next annual meeting of the Friends of the Swedenborg Library will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, February 8, 2015 in the Friends' Room.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

After a brief business meeting,

a discussion concerning plans to improve parking and access to the library will be presented.

As part of its mission, the Friends of the Swedenborg Library hopes to encourage the use of the library by the local community by presenting exhibits, speakers

and programs for all to enjoy.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Swedenborg Library, please contact us. Thanks!



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*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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Monday through Thursday

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Saturday CLOSED

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