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TEAMWORK

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SEPTLA Fall Meeting Philadelphia Biblical University October 17, 2011

The Fall 2011 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on Monday, October 17, at Philadelphia Biblical University, in Philadelphia, PA.

Directions to PBU can be found at: <http://pbu.edu/visit/directions.cfm>. PBU is accessible from the Langhorne station on the R3 to West Trenton. Please park in Parking Lot E the visitors parking lot, we will be meeting in the Biblical Learning Center (BLC) in room BL 110.

Lunch will cost \$10. We will be ordering lunch from Chipotle. The link for lunch menu is <http://www.chipotle.com/en-US/menu/menu.aspx>.

RSVP by October 14 to library@pbu.edu

Fall Meeting Schedule

Time	Item
9:00–9:30	Coffee and refreshments
9:30–11:30	Interest Groups REF/IT: E-books Catalogers (Note: Catalogers' Interest Group will be meeting from 10:35 to 11:25 only)
11:30–12:15	Business Meeting
12:15–1:20	Lunch
1:30–3:00	<i>"Theological Librarianship in an Age of Religious Pluralism"</i> Presenter: Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

President's Message

SEPTLA member institutions differ from each other in a number of ways. Some of us cater only to graduate students, while others serve undergraduates as well. Some mainly see students of college age and slightly older, while others may also see those who return in mid-life to change careers or for enrichment. Some of the schools to which we are attached offer degrees in various academic disciplines, while others focus on formation for ministry through a limited number of programs. We also differ in the size of our collections, in special concentrations within our collections, and in the degree to which technological advancements have reconfigured the nature of our buildings and the services we provide.

Collectively, we differ from other libraries in the region because of our religion-specific identities. While libraries are, theoretically, ideologically neutral places, each SEPTLA member institution is distinguished by its association with a denomination or religious organization, and its attempt to tailor its services to that particular community. This does not mean, however, that we are under no obligation to be cognizant of, to be sensitive to, the various manifestations of spiritual awareness around us. If we are to live up to our names as theological librarians, we must keep our minds open to the diversity of viewpoints that, together, contribute so much to the continued religious vitality of our country.

The title of the main presentation at our upcoming Fall meeting, "Theological Librarianship in an Age of Religious Pluralism," got me thinking along these lines. Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, of Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, has graciously agreed to speak to us on this important and timely topic. I hope many of you will make the trip to Philadelphia Biblical University on October 17th to listen to her. In addition, our Reference/IT interest group will feature a presentation on certain facets of the e-book revolution. I also would like to note the efforts of our continuing education committee, who continue to do great work in supplying us with interesting guests and lecture topics.

James Humble
SEPTLA President

SEPTLA Fall Meeting Agendas
Philadelphia Biblical University
October 17, 2011

Business Meeting Agenda

- I. President's Remarks
- II. Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Interest Groups
 - c. Continuing Education Committee Report
- III. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
- IV. Listserv
- V. Elections
- VI. New Business
- VII. Institutional News

Cataloging Interest Group Agenda

- I. Approve minutes from previous meeting
- II. Elections: Chair and Secretary
- III. Professional literature survey
- IV. Theology Cataloging Bulletin (TCB)
- V. Two-minute Tidbit Time: Susann Posey
- VI. RDA
- VII. Other
- VIII. Call for agenda items for next meeting

SEPTLA Fall Meeting Agendas

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IT Interest Group & Reference/Information Literacy Agenda

Combined meeting of IT & Ref/IL

Presentation: *E-books: What are they and where should you go to purchase?* James Humble will present a review of vendors, Paul Mathias will present E-brary, and Laura Saloiye will present NetLibrary.

Continuing Education Agenda

"Theological Librarianship in an Age of Religious Pluralism"

Presenter: Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

We are living in an age of increasing religious pluralism. Whereas in the past the landscape was dotted with churches and synagogues, we now encounter mosques, temples, and sanctuaries of many religions. The purpose of this session will be to explore the growth of religious pluralism, particularly in the Philadelphia area. We will discuss how theological librarians are developing their collections in response to the growing religious diversity of our time.

SEPTLA Spring Meeting Minutes

Westminster Theological Seminary
May 9–10, 2011

Business Meeting

- I. President's Welcome
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - a. The closing balance for the two SEPTLA accounts totaled \$6701.46 on March 31, 2011.
- III. Interest Groups
 - a. Cataloging met with Armin and discussed the details of how RDA would affect the cataloger's workflow.
 - b. Ref/IT met with Laura Saloiye to discuss the importance of assessment in Library Instruction.
 - c. Continuing Education group has a new committee: Karla Grafton, Lynn Berg, Dave Sheppert, and Cliff Anderson.
- IV. Elections
 - a. James Humble was re-elected as the SEPTLA President.
 - b. Laura Saloiye was re-elected as the SEPTLA Secretary.
- V. New Business
 - a. Website
 - Clesha Staten has left to go back to school. This means that James Humble is now running the website until a new IT person can be found.
 - Should St. Charles continue to pay for the renewals of licensing when they occur or can Septla take over the direct payments?
 - June is the renewal date of the website, should we continue paying yearly or should we pay every 3 years to save money. This raised discussions as Dan seemed to remember that they set it up yearly to remember to pay.
 - All members need to correct their institution information this should be completed by the Fall meeting.
 - Looking for someone to take over the Web development, please contact Jame Humble with questions. Nominations should be sent to the Executive committee.
 - b. Listserv
 - Dan initiated a discussion about the Septla listserv. LBC had been hosting the listserv for Septla, but when they updated their email system there was a problem with accessing the information. As it is an expensive option to fix it, the question was raised as to how to solve the problem.
 - Follow up with Gerry Lincoln at LBC to see if there is any data left.
 - Find a new listserv option.
 - The executive committee is taking any advise/research about starting a new listserv or recovering the old listserv depending on price.
 - c. Fall/Winter meeting
 - PBU or Biblical will play host. Dan and Laura will check dates and times.

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VI. Institutional News

- a. St. Charles - They will be posting Clesha's position shortly. They have finished cataloging the Rare books, over 25,000.
- b. Princeton - Library construction is underway and going well. They expect completion of the building to take place October 2012.
- c. Westminster - ATS self study with a visit in October, things are moving along. They are adding additional compact shelving to the basement.
- d. Biblical – Northern Philadelphia extension for an urban program is currently being accredited. They have to prove that the Library is providing the same measure of service to the urban program's students. Biblical is also switching to MyAthens instead of EZproxy.
- e. Philadelphia Biblical University- The Library has signed up for Libguides and is using it to supplement the classroom material.

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2011

I. Welcome

Completed meeting via conference call. Attending were James Humble, Cliff Anderson, Bonnie Falla, Paul Mathias, Jeff Brodrick and Laura Saloiye.

II. Treasurer's Report

a. Current balance total is \$6181.56 (Checking= \$620.87 and Money Market= \$5,560.19).

III. Interest Groups

a. Catalogers

- Report to be submitted later.

b. Ref./IT

- E-books- What are they and where should you go to purchase? James Humble will present a review of vendors, Paul Mathias will present E-brary, and Laura Saloiye will present NetLibrary.

IV. Continuing Education Committee

a. Fall meeting will have the topic "Theological Librarianship in an Age of Religious Pluralism"

- Presented by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- Respondent: Don Vorp, Collection Development Librarian, Princeton Theological Seminary

b. Winter meeting- Laura Saloiye will be presenting on presentation software- "Beyond Powerpoint: Using Web 2.0 in the classroom and office?"

c. Future meeting ideas: Diversity in the Ranks- planning/creating diversity among your staff. The second idea was on Management styles/helps.

V. Past President's Report

a. Jeff will update the letterhead and bookmarks to reflect current status and arrange for the bookmarks to be reprinted.

VI. Other Business

a. The Listserv is now up and available. Jim sent direction to the directors to disperse to their staff. If you did not receive the email directions are below.

b. Instructions - There are two ways to subscribe

- Either go to http://mail.churchportal.com/mailman/listinfo/septla_churchportal.com and enter the requested information
- Or send a no-subject email to septla_request@churchportal.com with the word "subscribe" (no quotes) in the body.

Institutional News

Lancaster Bible College

The Lancaster Bible College Student Learning Commons construction is moving forward. We are in the process of choosing furniture and technology for the SLC. A picture is attached from the webcam as of today.

Mrs. Bethany (Imm) Fethkenher is our new staff member in charge of circulation and ILLs. Bethany worked in the library as a student and graduated from LBC in 2009. She was married on September 10, 2011.

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG)

The A. R. Wentz Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (LTSG) announces the hiring of Mr. Harold Robinson as its newest staff member. After initial training, Harold has assumed his duties to cover Monday and Wednesday evenings and alternate Saturdays. He is a retired Air Force non-commissioned officer who also has worked at Gettysburg College.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary

The library sustained some basement water damage from the sump pump's inability to keep up with the rain fall during Hurricane Irene; however no books were damaged. With suitable restoration assistance, the library basement is now back open for business.

Professor Hak Joon Lee left the Seminary on August 31, 2011 to assume the position of Professor of Theology and Ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary in California. A search is underway for his replacement.

Academic Dean Renee House announced her resignation as Dean effective as of the end of the 2012 academic year. The Faculty will discuss how the search for her successor will take place.

Philadelphia Biblical University

Through the month of September 2011, the Center for University Studies was host to an exhibit in the Masland Library of ten prints from *The Saint John's Bible*, a modern, handwritten, illuminated text. The contemporary Bible was created by a group of scribes and artists in Wales, and this exhibit is currently on a tour around the country.

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Plans are being implemented to join the College with the congregational organization of the Reconstructionist movement, the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation. This should result in savings on administration and better position the restructured movement to train clergy and serve its congregations.