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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SEPTLA Winter Meeting Biblical Theological Seminary February 1, 2012

The Winter 2012 meeting of SEPTLA will be held on Wednesday, February 1, at Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA.

Directions to Biblical can be found at: <http://www.biblical.edu/index.php/directions>. Parking is free and any available lot space may be used. Biblical is accessible from the SEPLA R5 train to the Lansdale train station. Dan LaValla can pick people up at the Lansdale train station if they arrive by 8:15 am and can drive them to the train station after the afternoon workshop session is finished. Please contact dlavalla@biblical.edu to make arrangements.

Lunch will cost \$10. Please RSVP for lunch to dlavalla@biblical.edu. Vegetarian options or other diet requests can be accommodated.

RSVP by January 25 to dlavalla@biblical.edu.

Winter Meeting Schedule

Time	Location	Event
9:00-9:30	Chapel	Coffee and refreshments
9:30-10:50		Interest Group Meetings
	Room 28	REF/IT
	Room 26	Catalogers
11:00-11:50	Chapel	Business Meeting
12:00-1:00		Lunch
1:00-3:00	Chapel	<i>"More Than Powerpoint: A Workshop Presentation"</i>
		Presenter: Laura Saloiye, Lead Reader Services Librarian, Masland Library, Philadelphia Biblical

President's Message

One legitimate way to designate the twentieth century is as the age of the automobile. By means of this advance in transportation, Americans left their homes, their neighborhoods, their regions far more often than their ancestors did, with the (mostly happy) result that the horizons of their world, in the physical and intellectual sense, were broadened. It may be too early to forecast the monikers the twenty-first century will be given, but at this point at least one may be hazarded. If the twentieth century was the age of the automobile, the twenty-first may well be the age of the mobile electronic device, in which our horizons are no longer bound by the constraints of physical travel but by the vagaries of electronic access. With our phones, computers, and e-readers, we can, if we choose, range more widely than our ancestors did without ever leaving our homes; we can also carry enormous stores of information around in our pockets. The ascendancy of mobile devices in the world at large is reflected in the library, where usage on both sides of the desk increases daily.

Where will this lead us? No one can be quite certain. What does seem to be certain is that our patrons' ability to access information at home, on the subway, in the classroom is compelling us to re-conceptualize the nature of some of the library's stalwart functions: reference work, public services, continuing resources, and even the loaning of materials, which today might be done through e-readers. All this has caused some to question the very existence of the library as a place in itself, as if it would become a cumbersome hanger-on in a new virtual reality. We as librarians must emphasize the value of our work in order to ensure that we work with the changes wrought by technological advances, and are not simply swept along by them.

These brief remarks are occasioned by the topics for the Reference Interest Group and for the afternoon session of our upcoming Winter meeting, both of which concern technological applications in the library. I am grateful to Laura Saloiye, Executive Committee secretary, and Kim Demyan of Moravian for their efforts. Dan LaValla has graciously allowed us to use Biblical Theological Seminary as our meeting-place. Please join us there on February 1st for what promises to be a thought-provoking day.

James Humble
SEPTLA President

SEPTLA Winter Meeting Agendas

Biblical Theological Seminary
February 1, 2012

Business Meeting Agenda

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

Cataloging Interest Group Agenda

Terry Heisey will report on the ALA Midwinter meeting he attended. Time will be allotted for other updates, reports, and discussions.

IT Interest Group & Reference/Information Literacy Agenda

Combined meeting of IT & Ref/IL

Presentation: *iPad in Reference*, presented by Kim Demyan

Continuing Education Agenda

Afternoon Presentation: "*More than Powerpoint: a workshop presentation*" by Laura Saloiye, Lead Reader Services Librarian, Masland Library, Philadelphia Biblical University

Note: Please bring your laptop or tablet device to this presentation as part of the presentation will involve working with several of the websites we will be discussing.

SEPTLA Fall Meeting Minutes

Philadelphia Biblical University

October 17, 2011

Attending: Timothy Hui, Stephanie Kaceli, Laura Saloiye, Melvin Hartwick, Gwenn Lochstet, Donna Campbell, Marsha Blake, Debbie Stern, James Humble, Cliff Anderson, Don Vorp, Karla Grafton, Bonnie Falla, Susann Posey, Lynn Berg, Ken Henke, Paul Mathias, Julie Dawson, Sandy Finlayson, Terry Heisey, Emily Perez, David Schappert, David Evans

I. Welcome and Refreshments

II. James Humble presented “*Adventures in e-books*” over-viewing issues of content selection, vendors, and other issues relating to purchasing and maintaining an ebook collection.

III. Interest Groups Breakouts and Elections

a. Ref/IT

- Paul stepped down as chair of the IT division.
- Bonnie ran unopposed as the chair for the Reference division.
- Laura Saloiye ran unopposed as the secretary of the divisions and will temporarily be the IT chair until replacement can be found.
- Paul presented an overview of ebrary.
- Laura presented an overview of NetLibrary

b. Cataloguing

- Donna stepped down as chair of the Cataloging interest group.
- Terry will be the chair and Susann Posey will be the co-chair.
- Discussion followed about the struggle to keep up with professional literature.
- A review was held on the RDA discussion from the Spring meeting
- Susann discussed the cataloging of e-books.

IV. Business Meeting

- a. Jim presented the treasurer’s report as Karl couldn’t attend.
- b. Interest Group minutes
- c. Winter meeting to be held at Biblical pending confirmation with Dan LaValla
- d. Listserv- Please be sure that all staff members have signed up and that the SEPTLA email addresses are updated.
- e. Jeff Brodrick is working with Palmer to print additional SEPTLA bookmarks and updating the SEPTLA logo.
- f. Armin’s Spring RDA presentation will be uploaded to SEPTLA’s website.

SEPTLA Spring Meeting Minutes
Westminster Theological Seminary
May 9–10, 2011

V. Institutional News

- a. St. Charles Theological Seminary
 - All email addresses will be changing, please update your address books.
 - They have also hired a new employee to replace Clesha's position.
- b. Westminster Theological Seminary
 - ATS reviewed WTS and seemed to be pleased with what they saw.
 - WTS also installed additional compact shelving and shifted all the books in the library during the summer.
- c. Princeton Theological Seminary
 - PTS's building project is moving on schedule and should complete construction of the new building in December 2012, with a move in date of March 2013.
 - They are currently interviewing for 3 new positions in the library.
 - PTS's president has announced that he is retiring December 2012.

VI. Afternoon Session

SEPTLA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 2, 2011

Attending: Bonnie Falla, Terry Heisey, James Humble, Laura Saloiye, Karl Krueger, Cliff Anderson

I. Welcome

II. Treasurer's Report

- a. Account balances
 - Checking account: \$1,376.87
 - Money market account:
 - Total Balance, November, 30. 2012:
- b. Bill for the domain name or web space

III. Interest Groups (9:30-10:10 AM; 10:10-10:50 AM)

- a. Catalogers: Terry Heisey
 - Terry: TBA
- b. Ref./IT: Bonnie Falla
 - iPad in Reference: A presentation by Kim Demyan of Moravian

IV. Continuing Education Committee

- a. Winter meeting: Biblical Seminary, Wednesday February 1, 2012
 - Afternoon session: "*More than Powerpoint: a workshop presentation*" by Laura Saloiye
 - Please bring your laptop or tablet device to this presentation as part 2 will involve working with several of the websites we will be discussing.
- b. Spring meeting: Development of the profession and how can we diversify, how can we recruit librarians into the profession.
 - Possibly talk to Palmer librarians about leading the discussion.

V. Past President's Report

- a. Past President was unable to attend.

VI. Possible New Members

- a. LaSalle University is interested in joining SEPTLA as they are now offering a Master's level Theology degree.
- b. We will need to review their report and have at least two people present for the site visit.
- c. Findings/Report will be put together to present at either Winter or Spring meeting. Karl offered to be the second person to visit.

Institutional News

Baptist Bible College & Seminary

Murphy Memorial Library is pleased to announce the hiring of Jeremy McGinniss as Associate Librarian for User Services. Jeremy has recently served as the Library Director at Davis College in Johnson City, New York. He will be overseeing information literacy instruction, ILL services, and library marketing among other responsibilities. He will begin on January 9, 2012. Jeremy is joining his father, mother, and sister in employment at BBC&S.

Lutheran Theological Seminary- Philadelphia

On September 6, 2011, the seminary community and its friends assembled to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America. The day-long celebration included lectures, workshops, and a banquet. The keynote speaker was the renowned church historian, Dr. Martin Marty. The highlight of the evening banquet was a visit from Philadelphia Mayor, Michael Nutter who brought greetings and an apology. In 1917, the Lutheran church offered the city of Philadelphia a statute of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. It was cast by the sculptor, J. Otto Schweitzer who had created the statute of Henry's famous son Peter that is outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The city refused the statute of Henry because it was "too denominational." In reality it was "too German" for Philadelphia in 1917. Although 'pardoned,' the statute will remain on campus, greeting visitors who enter the seminary at the Germantown Avenue entrance.

Philadelphia Biblical University

Masland Library implemented Innovative Interfaces' Discovery Service, Encore, in Fall 2011.

Dr. Samuel Hsu, Philadelphia Biblical University's Distinguished Professor of Music and Chair of Keyboard studies, died Friday, December 2, 2011 from injuries sustained when he was hit by a car in Center City Philadelphia. A service and concert at PBU will be planned for early in the New Year. More information will be posted on the PBU website when it is available.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary has, through the placement of a new Archbishop in the Philadelphia Archdiocese, a new Head of our Board of Trustees, Archbishop Charles Chaput. In addition, the library is near to finishing the cataloging of a large historical pamphlet collection, from the early to mid-1900s. In addition, the library has joined the Catholic Resource Reference Alliance, (CRRRA) a group of Catholic libraries and archives working together to create one portal through which all Catholic historical material will be available.