



EDUCATION eNEWSLETTER

We're pleased to announce three education related exhibits this late spring, an exhibit curated by local high school students, an exhibit of penpal letters exchanged between local elementary schools, and an exhibit taking an indepth look at the history of learning how to read and write before 1835.

PENPAL EXHIBIT

Learning how to write by writing a friendly letter to a pen pal is an essential part of today's elementary school curriculum. Its roots can be found in the teaching methods of 18th Century schoolmaster, Christopher Dock. Dock's students at Skippack and Salford schools exchanged friendly letters, asking questions, sharing rhymes, and verses they had to memorize in school, with one another. Inspired by Dock's teachings, from January through March, local elementary school children will exchange 3 penpal letters. One letter and photo from their exchange will be on exhibit at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center from April 9-21, 2007. Students will come to the library on a field trip to meet their penpal for the first time. If your school would be interested in participating in the project, please contact Rebecca Lawrence, Museum Educator, at 215 679 3103.

STUDENT CURATORS

Starting in late March, students from Perkiomen School will meet at the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center as part of a Museum Studies course. As part of the course, they will curate a small exhibit in the Local History Gallery. They will meet one to four times a week at the Schwenkfelder Library over the course of the Spring term working with our staff to become familiar with our collection and our museum practices. Their experience at the Schwenkfelder Library will culminate in a small exhibit in May, found along the wall cases of the Local History Gallery.



Excerpt from *The Little High German Reformed A B C and Word Book for Children who are Starting to Learn* (English Translation). Printed in 1820 for the Reformed Lutheran Church. Personal Collection of Dr. Allen Viehmeyer.

Events CALENDAR

Feb 14
Brown Bag Lunch
Pietism
12:00 Noon

Feb 18
Sunday Lecture
Pietism
2PM

A Chinese New Year
Family Workshop
February 22
3:30PM

Feb 24
Valentines Day
Sweetheart's Dinner
6:30PM

Feb 25
Phyllis Prizer on
Flora Heebner
2PM

Mar 2 & 3
Used Book Sale
9-4PM and 10-3PM

Mar 14
Brown Bag Lunch
Schwenckfeld's Vindication
12 Noon

Cut Paper/Scherenschitte
Family Workshop
Mar 15
3:30PM

Mar 18
Back Porch
Bake Ovens
2PM

Mar 25
Sunday Lecture
Schwenckfeld's Vindication
2PM

THIRD THURSDAYS

Come after school this Spring at 3:30PM for our Thursday afternoon family workshops at the Schwenkfelder Library. Every third Thursday of each month, come and join us in gallery activities and classroom crafts related to our special exhibits and permanent collection. Admission to the library is free, and each workshop costs \$5.00 each, per participant. For forms please visit our website or call us at 215 679 3103.

- February 22nd: Chinese New Year Crafts
- March 15th: PA German Cutpaper/Scherenschnitte
- April 19th: An Alphabet Story (make an alphabet book)
- May 17th: A Quilted Alphabet (a quilt mat)
- June 21st: Children's Reading Hour: De Angeli

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your lunch and join us at noon each third Wednesday of each month for a free lecture on our library hallway exhibits, curated by Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, our Associate Director of Research at the Schwenkfelder Library. If you miss Wednesday's lecture, join us that Sunday afternoon at 2:00PM.

- Topics for this Spring:
- February 14th: Pietism, Radical Pietism and Schwenkfelders
 - March 14th: Schwenckfeld's Vindication
 - April 11th: Harpersdorf and Berthelsdorf Church Records
 - May 9th: Gallery Talk with Candace Perry, Curator

IN THE GALLERY

- Through May: [Schwenckfeld Publications, Library Hallway](#)
 - Through March 25: [Fairy Tale Characters by Stacy Clark, Fraktur Gallery](#)
 - February 18-March 31st: [Flora Heebner Chinese Textiles, Meeting Room](#)
 - March 1- September 15: [Teaching Tools, Local History Gallery](#)
 - May 15-September 15, 2007: [Illustrations by Marguerite De Angeli, Perkiomen Valley Author](#)
- Visit us online at www.schwenkfelder.com for more information about exhibits and programs, gallery guides and more.

Questions or comments? Email us at info@schwenkfelder.com or call us at 215-679-3103.

