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HOLLINS RECOMMENDS

Hollins is a community of readers. You may think we’re biased, but hear us out: at every bookmobile we meet students, faculty, and staff looking for leisure reading (that's on top of required reading); we have a robust English and Creative Writing Department; a committed book club comprised of alumnae, staff, and faculty; and a 2011 survey from NSSE indicated that Hollins students read more outside of class than students at comparable schools, and more than the national average. And yet, at one point or another, everyone finds themselves wondering what they should read next.

The Library Student Advisory Board (LSAB) decided to put their collective reading to work with a new site: Hollins Recommends, http://libguides.hollins.edu/recommended. The site began late last spring with students asking faculty for reading suggestions. Now that the site is live, we hope that you will use it and that you will help it grow by submitting your own recommendations.

TINKER DAY IS COMING...

As the days become shorter and the mornings begin to chill, a familiar chatter begins to fill the air:

What day do you think it will be?
Is it this week?
My roommate’s Ada sister said her friend overheard someone saying that a shipment of chicken and chocolate cake batter just arrived at Moody, so….

At the library we don’t know when the next Tinker Day will be, but we can help you rediscover one of Hollins most cherished traditions with our new photo gallery on Hollins Digital Commons. To view the collection, go to the library’s homepage, select “Hollins Digital Commons” then “Special Collections, including Hollins History”. This collection is new and will continue to grow.

Questions? Please contact Beth Harris, Special Collections Librarian & Archivist, at bharris@hollins.edu.

Wizard of Oz themed Tinker Day skit from the 1940s.
Musical Theatre Songs

Are you a performer looking for an audition song? Or perhaps you’re a musical theatre fan who just wants to learn more about your favorite song? Our new database is for you!

Musical Theatre Songs lets you enter up to 20-plus parameters (voice type, character age, range, descriptive characteristics, etc.) to generate a list of songs tailored to your needs from an ever-growing database (thousands of titles already!).

Go to the “Articles & Databases” link on our homepage to take it for a spin.

Bell Hooks Residency at Hollins

Bell hooks is a feminist author, cultural critic, public intellectual, and social justice activist. From Ain’t I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism to Writing Beyond Race: Living Theory and Practice, hooks has published nearly 40 books, including five for children.

Bell Hooks on Film: In Conversation with Hollins Film Department Faculty
Wed, Oct 25, 6 pm
Niederer Auditorium, Wetherill Visual Arts Center

Spirituality and Social Justice: In Conversation with bell hooks
Thu, Oct 26, 9 am
Hollins Room, Wyndham Robertson Library

Bell hooks in Conversation with Beverly Guy-Sheftall
Thurs, Oct 26, 6 pm
duPont Chapel

All of our bell hooks titles are available on reserve at the checkout desk. Funding provided by Alvord M. Beardslee Fund, Baylies Willey Fund, the Beanstalks Fund, Darci Ellis Godhard Fund for Social Justice, IMPACT Fund, The Secular Society, Sowell Fund, gender and women’s studies, English and creative writing, and the chaplain’s office.

OneSearch Tip: Capitalize Boolean Operators

Now that you’ve had some time to familiarize yourself with OneSearch, we’re going to begin giving you monthly tips on how to maximize your experience. Our first tip will take you back to basics: using Boolean Operators. These terms add a level of precision to your search strings and allow you to be more specific when you’re using OneSearch. The three operators are AND, OR, and NOT.

- AND narrows your search by requiring each term to be present in every result.
- OR expands your search by retrieving one or more terms in your search.
- NOT excludes specific terms.

NOTE: In OneSearch these terms MUST be capitalized.

Questions or comments about using OneSearch? Contact James Miller, IT Librarian, at milleric@hollins.edu.

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