

RARE BOOK & MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY

FALL 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

THU
9/26
3-5pm
(onsite)

“We are each other’s harvest” : Gwendolyn Brooks and the Formation of Black Literary Canon

RBML’s new exhibit celebrates the 75th anniversary of Gwendolyn Brooks’s *Annie Allen* – the poetry collection that won the first Pulitzer Prize by a Black author – and explores the rich history of Black literature’s emergence into the mainstream. Opening reception will feature remarks by Brooks’s daughter, Nora Brooks Blakely.

Exhibit will be on display through May 2025



THU
10/24
6-7:30pm
(Zoom)

Alphas’ Adventures in “Munchland”: Black Bibliography for a New Literacy

Jesse Erickson, Astor Curator of Printed Books & Bindings at the Morgan Library, joins us virtually to discuss Black bibliographical exploration and trace the migrations of Black Vernacular English (BVE) from 18th-century literature to that of the hip hop generation.

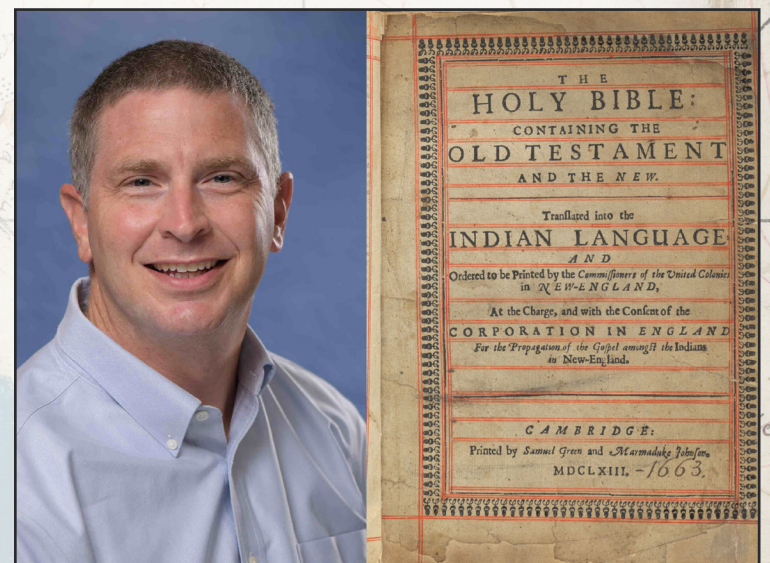
Please pre-register at go.illinois.edu/Erickson



THU
11/7
3-5pm
(onsite)

The Eliot Bible: Encountering Colonial History in Illinois

Professor Bob Morrissey (Department of History) joins us to discuss the John Eliot Bible, published in 1664, and how this unusual text can be used to examine American origin stories, as well as histories of historical interpretation and practice in our land-grant institution. Come take a look at RBML’s copy of this exceedingly rare book!



THU
12/12
3-5pm
(onsite)

RBML Open House and Holiday Party

Come and celebrate the semester’s end with hot apple cider, sweet and salty treats, and some of our favorite winter-themed materials from the RBML vault. Make a button, relax with a coloring sheet, and leave with a festive live-printed card!

