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Library Exhibit Celebrates Diderot

The European Enlightenment of the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries encouraged the investigation of the world through the paradigms of science and reason. Intellectuals collected, codified, and published existing knowledge and new discoveries in massive compendiums. As the Enlightenment flowered in France the *philosophes*—led by Voltaire and Rousseau—challenged the existing order of both Church and State, laying the groundwork for the Revolution of 1789.

In 1747 Denis Diderot and his co-editor Jean D'Alembert redirected their efforts from the translation of Ephraim Chamber's *Cyclopaedia*—a prior attempt at capturing universal knowledge—and focused on the compilation of a new work intended to collect all human knowledge: the *Encyclopédie*. The resulting work was published in twenty-eight volumes beginning in 1751 and ending in 1772. It stands as a monument of Enlightenment thought. This display of Hamilton College's copy of the *Encyclopédie* honors the 300th anniversary of Diderot's birth at Langres, France, on October 5, 1713.

Alcohol Use in Academic Buildings

Recently, we have noticed empty beer cans in the Burke Library. We wish to remind you that alcohol is prohibited in academic buildings. To quote from the student handbook:

"III. General Policies

Persons 21 years of age and older may possess and consume alcohol in residence hall rooms, suites and apartments.

Open containers of alcohol are not permitted in public areas. Public areas include, but are not limited to, academic buildings, residence hall lounges and hallways, and outdoors."

The Library is among the most heavily used buildings on campus by students. We want the atmosphere in Burke to be reflective of a community of serious study where we celebrate the academic achievements of faculty and students.

Save the Date for Couper Lecturer Dan Morgenstern

In honor of National Jazz Month, Dan Morgenstern, recently retired head of Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers and winner of eight Grammy's, will be speaking on Monday, April 8 from 4-6pm in the Science Auditorium as this year's Richard W. Couper Lecturer. More information will be available after spring break.

The Richard W. Couper Press

The Couper Press was established in 2006 by Couper Librarian Randall Ericson. The press is named in honor of the late Richard W. Couper '44, an alumnus, life trustee of Hamilton and benefactor of Burke Library.

The press published a quarterly journal of scholarship, *The American Communal Studies Quarterly*, which showcases the communal societies collections of Burke Library.

The American Communal Societies series, a monograph series, presents new scholarship pertaining to American intentional communities as well as reprints of, and critical introductions to, important historical works that may be difficult to find or out of print. The Shaker Studies series are short monographs on the Shakers. Occasional Publications are published on topics that highlight the special collections of Burke Library, such as the Ezra Pound Collection.

Many of the works published by the Couper Press are now on display in Burke Library.

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