Marissa Shirley Allen, an Undergraduate Research Fellow who works as a tutor in the Writing Center, and Professor Joyce Kinkead have a feature article in the June issue of Teacher Librarian, a journal for school library professionals. "Literary Landmarks: Honoring Local Writers" describes Allen's work in developing the brochure for a May Swenson Poetry Path in 2015. Her research project was supervised by Kinkead and Professor Paul Crumbley, a noted Swenson scholar.

The authors point out that whatever the format, literary maps connect authors and places in meaningful ways that can enhance students’ learning and understanding of literature. Increasingly, literary tourism is of interest, whether in traditional print maps or multimodal applications. Google’s LitTrips is just one example.

Literary-based maps and trails offer a “kind of secular pilgrimage to visit sites associated with writers and imaged spaces,” according to Lindy Stiebel, who is quoted in the article. Kinkead spearheaded a similar project in 1990 that resulted in a literary map for Utah and a bibliographic guide to accompany it.

The Swenson Poetry Path brochure is available in several locations, including the Department of English and the City of Logan and Cache Valley Tourist Bureau. Allen’s work was funded, in part, by the Cache Valley Historical Society as well as the Department of English.