

News for Friends of VCU Libraries

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VCU Libraries is pleased to announce it will celebrate, with events and selections, the 3 millionth addition to the library collection in 2018. The spotlighted volumes — that reflect the diversity of a modern academic library — will be announced by February.

The celebration of the 3 millionth volume in 2018 coincides with VCU Libraries' emergence as one of the leading research libraries in the country. Representing the maturity and depth of its collections, this symbolic acquisition coincides with VCU Libraries' inaugural year as a member of the Association of Research Libraries. It is also concurrent with the 50th anniversary of the creation of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Student exhibit merges art with library research

["Mapping Space Research,"](#) an installation by Lily Cox-Richard's Space Research class, features collections of research and investigations of multiple VCU spaces. Each of the projects in this exhibit maps a research journey. The exhibit is on the first floor of James Branch Cabell Library.

Special Collections and Archives Endowment

A fundraising priority for VCU Libraries in 2018 is to establish a \$1 million endowment for Special Collections and Archives to support its collection of rare and unique materials that form primary sources for research and teaching.

In December, VCU Libraries received a boost in starting this endowment with a challenge grant of \$30,000 from an

anonymous donor. VCU Libraries hopes to meet the challenge and begin the endowment with at least \$60,000 invested by June 30, 2018. Fundraising will continue until the \$1 million goal is reached.

“This endowment presents a powerful giving opportunity for those interested in helping VCU strengthen collections that reflect VCU’s distinctive scholarly community, embrace its legacy and heritage, and contribute unique resources to research and teaching worldwide that are found nowhere else,” says Director of Major Gifts and Development Kelly Gotschalk. “This fund has particular importance for alumni who want to help with the ongoing preservation of VCU historic materials through our [University Archives program](#).”

Want to know more about how you can help? [Contact Kelly Gotschalk](#) (B.F.A.'90/A; M.A.'97/A), director of major gifts and development. [More about the endowment](#).

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[American Labor Museum newest partner in Image Portal](#)

[VCU Libraries hosts Virginia session of international conference](#)

[Congrats to some 2,900 December graduates](#)

[Interview with Dec. 6 speaker, alumna Eva Dillon](#)

Events

Jan. 19: [Open Textbook Workshops](#)

Jan. 24: [Advance Your Research: Webinars](#)

Feb. 8: [Real Life Film Series: The Way of All Flesh](#)

Feb. 15: [16th Annual Black History Month Lecture: Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi](#)

Save the date

March 29: [Levis Reading Prize Night featuring Solmaz Sharif](#)

April 11: [33rd Annual Brown-Lyons](#)

[Lecture featuring Jonathan D. Sarna, Ph.D.](#)



In 2018, the centennial of the 1918 influenza pandemic, the Sanger Series lectures series focuses on this deadly pandemic, the valiant search for the virus that caused it and the ways it changed medicine and our world. Confirmed speakers are **New York Times science writer Gina Kolata**, author of an acclaimed history of the killer and pioneering virologist and **VCU alumnus Jeffery Taubenberger** (M.D.'86/M; Ph.D.'87/M), the first scientist to sequence the genome of the virus that caused the 1918 pandemic. [Dates and details.](#)



Library stories



On Cabell Screen

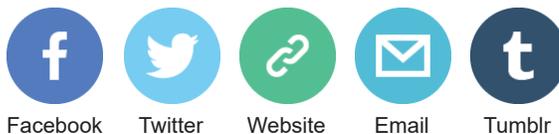


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