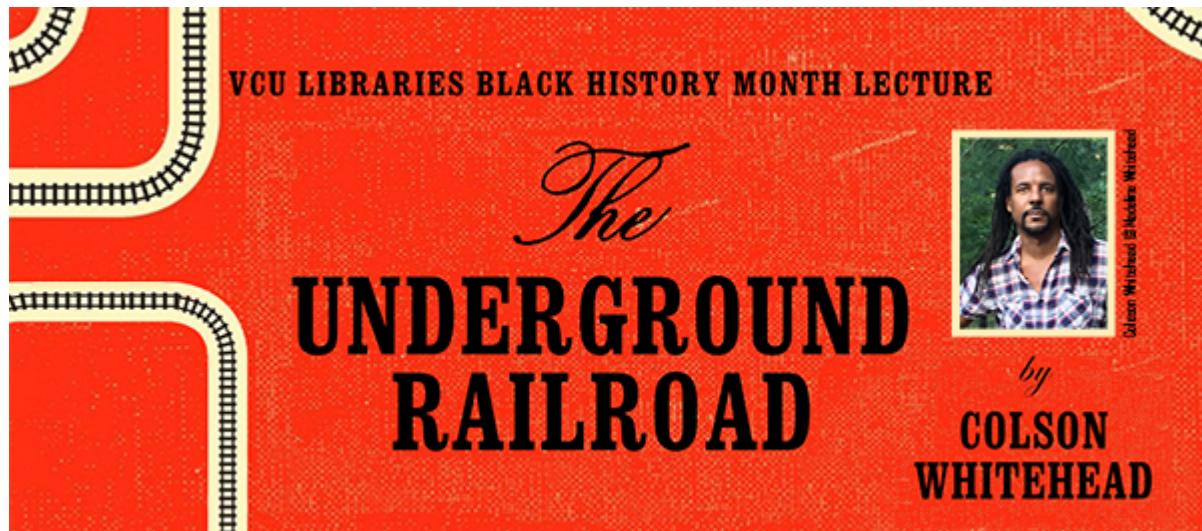


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News for Friends of VCU Libraries

February 2017

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"Over 15 years of Black History Month programs, the VCU Libraries has explored a wide range of issues related to African-American history and to race relations, from the courage and activism of local civil rights leaders to presentations by national leaders such as commentator Melissa Harris-Perry and Innocence Project co-founder Peter Neufeld," said University Librarian [John E. Ulmschneider](#). "This year, the VCU Libraries highlights the intersection of literature, scholarship and black history in a reading and talk by Colson Whitehead, author of *The Underground Railroad*, winner of the 2016 National Book Award for fiction." The [Black History Month Lecture](#) takes place Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at James Branch Cabell Library. Registration is at capacity, but we'll live-stream the event on the library website.

Curious about Cabell? Take a free weekday tour

Free 30-minute tours of James Branch Cabell Library are given every Tuesday at 4 p.m. and every

Big crowds: Lecture Hall filled to the brim

Fall semester 2016 broke all previous library events records. VCU Libraries hosted 90 events, 25

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an exception.) No registration required: Meet in the lobby and bring friends and neighbors.

VCU units and held in library buildings. More than 21,200 attendees participated in those events and 18,000 of that total were for our library events.

"It's a fitting tribute to the community of VCU scholars who continue to propel our research enterprise upward even in times of economic adversity."

Francis Macrina, Ph.D., vice president for research and innovation at VCU on VCU's Top 100 placement in research spending

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VCU Libraries "Loving" screening part of VCU's Black History Month events

[VIDEO: Cabell part of MLK Day march](#)

[Explore "Wildflowers" in winter](#)

Events

Feb. 3: [Copyright for Creators](#)

Feb. 9: [Black History Month Lecture](#), Colson Whitehead, National Book Award-winning author of *The Underground Railroad*

Feb. 16: [Real Life Film Series: Soul Food Junkies](#)

Feb. 16: [Questioning Cinema: Loving](#)

Feb. 25: [Advance Your Research](#)

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Tompkins-McCaw First Floor gets a fresh new look

Winter break and early 2017 brought fresh paint, new carpet and other improvements to the main study spaces—on the first floor and in the Special Collections and Archives Reading Room—on the MCV Campus library. New furniture was chosen to meet diverse study needs. These include booths, larger tables and flexible seating. [See photos and updates](#)



See What's on the Cabell Big Screen



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