At VCU Libraries’ 16th annual Black History Month Lecture, acclaimed historian and author Ibram X. Kendi discusses his book *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, for which he won the National Book Award. The event will be followed with a Q&A and book-signing. The event takes place **Feb. 15 at 7 p.m in the Cabell Library Lecture Hall.** This event is free and open to all, but please [register](#). If special accommodations are needed, or to register offline, please call the VCU Libraries Events Office, at (804) 828-0593. [Details and registration](#).
Workshop run from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and are held in The Workshop in the lower level of Cabell Library unless otherwise noted.

Topics include drone flying, podcasting, bookbinding, games design, sewing, animation and more. [Enlighten your Wednesdays in The Workshop](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=5473ddf9615f21868c98b76df&id=4c1b346137).

“All modern comic books descend from ‘Famous Funnies’ and VCU is very fortunate to receive such a pristine copy of this historically significant comic.”—Yuki Hibben of Special Collections and Archives on the gift of a rare addition to the Comic Arts Collection

### Events

- **Feb. 8**: [Real Life Film Series: The Way of All Flesh](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=5473ddf9615f21868c98b76df&id=4c1b346137)
- **Feb. 15**: [16th Annual Black History Month Lecture: Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=5473ddf9615f21868c98b76df&id=4c1b346137)

### Save the Dates

- **March 29**: [Levis Reading Prize Night featuring Solmaz Sharif](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=5473ddf9615f21868c98b76df&id=4c1b346137)
- **April 11**: [33rd Annual Brown-Lyons Lecture featuring Jonathan D. Sarna, Ph.D.](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=5473ddf9615f21868c98b76df&id=4c1b346137)
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. and Ph.D., the first scientist to sequence the genome of the virus that caused the 1918 pandemic. Dates and details, Taubenberger returns to campus Feb. 19 for a 5-7 p.m. presentation on the MCV Campus.

John Duke, senior associate university librarian, has retired after 33 years at VCU Libraries. He oversaw the libraries’ collections operations, including acquisitions, cataloging and preservation. Over the years, he was instrumental in many changes that helped the libraries to improve its services and gain membership in the Association of Research Libraries. In particular, he oversaw the transition to a cloud-based catalog. His colleagues gave him a retirement party in January featuring a cake decorated to look like a spreadsheet, paying homage to his meticulous bookkeeping and mastery of data.