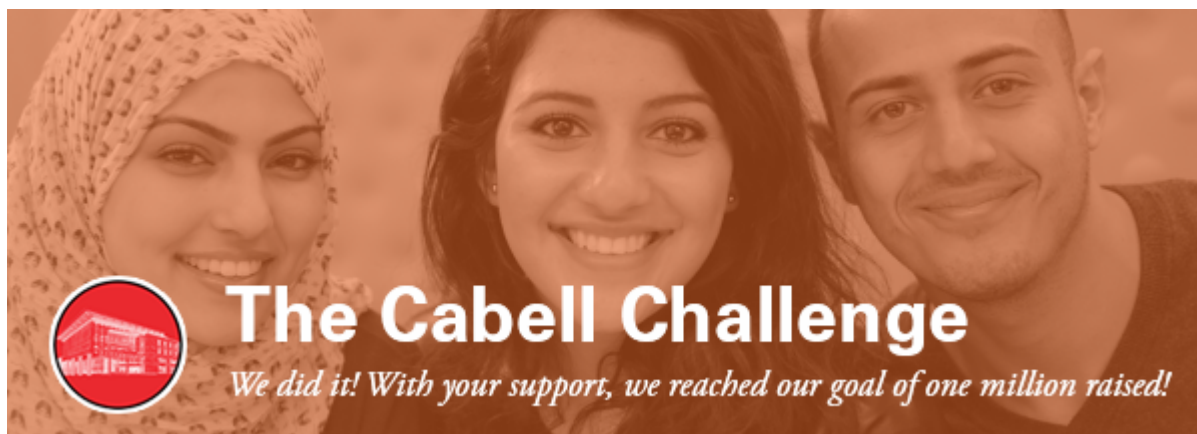


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July 2017

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Successful completion of the Cabell Challenge secures \$2 million for libraries' building improvements

VCU Libraries met the deadline and exceeded the \$1 million fundraising goal required to receive a matching \$1 million grant from the [Cabell Foundation](#). The fundraising challenge, with a deadline of June 30 was issued by the foundation in 2015. The challenge inspired alumni, faculty, staff, community members and others to make 434 new gifts and pledges to VCU Libraries during an 18-month period. Funds support the [New Building Fund](#), which enhances library spaces with new technology and equipment, and the [Library of the Future Fund](#) that replaces and updates worn or outmoded furnishings and equipment. The generous outpouring of support illustrates not only the breadth of support for the libraries, but also the power of gifts of all amounts to make a difference.

New VCU Common Book explores opiate epidemic

Save the date for the 2017 library book sale

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Epidemic by Dan Quinones as the Common Book for 2017-18. Incoming freshman will read the book, participate in discussions and, throughout the year, explore questions raised by the author. Quinones will visit the VCU campus in the spring for a public talk in Cabell Library (date TBA). Find copies of the book for checkout in both Cabell Library and Tompkins-McCaw Library, near the service desks. [Details](#)

VCU Emerging Leaders Program, will take place Oct. 26-30 in the Cabell Library Lecture Hall. [Details](#)

Thanks to everyone who gave books during the June book drive. It's not too late to make donations. To set up a time to bring your materials to Cabell Library, contact LaJuan Neal, development coordinator, at nealls@vcu.edu or (804) 827-3616.

"We are so grateful to see the work of VCU Libraries and its important role at the university and in the community recognized with this vast outpouring of philanthropy."

John E. Ulmschneider on the Cabell Challenge grant

News

[A timelapse video captures the energy of exam week in Cabell](#)

VCU faculty suggest books for your summer reading list

[VCU Libraries takes the lead in employing new catalog tech for a smarter, more efficient library](#)

[Gaming as an art form: VCU Libraries expands its video game collection](#)

[Intersections II exhibit at the Tompkins-McCaw gallery extends through the summer](#)

Events

?: [Real Film Series](#) begins with "?"

Sept. 30: [Advance Your Research](#)

Oct. 26-30: [Friends of VCU Libraries Book Sale](#)

Ongoing:

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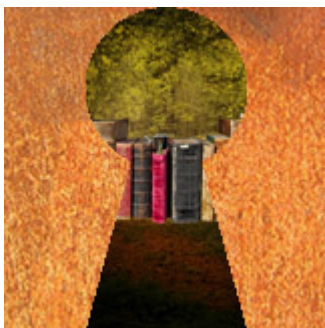
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VCU Libraries wraps up the academic year with record number of events and attendance

As June comes to a close, VCU Libraries looks back on a record-breaking year. With a nearly 250 events hosted and more than 28,000 attendees, VCU Libraries has grown exponentially in academic and community outreach. Event highlights include record attendance for the Annual Black History Month Lecture featuring National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize-winner Colson Whitehead; our largest annual book sale ever, with 1,600 items sold; and a musical procession celebrating the gift of a Holocaust-surviving Sefer Torah. Details



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