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## News for Friends of VCU Libraries

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### Open House: WISDM Mother's Room dedicated Aug. 23

The WISDM Mother's Room at James Branch Cabell Library is now open for use by nursing mothers. The new lactation room is on the fourth floor in the new section of the library. The library's first lactation room—for feeding babies or expressing milk—is on the lower level. A public open house, honoring the donors who made the new room possible, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 23, 4:30 to 7 p.m. All are welcome. [More about lactation rooms at Cabell Library.](#) Sixteen donors associated with Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine (WISDM) pledged or gave \$50,600 to create the new WISDM Mother's Room.

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New VCU Common Book  
explores opiate epidemic

Cabell Challenge secures  
\$2 million for needs

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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. Find copies of the book for checkout in both Cabell Library and Tompkins-McCaw Library, near the service desks. [Details](#)

fundraising goal required to receive a matching \$1 million grant from the Cabell Foundation. The fundraising challenge, with a June 30, 2017 deadline, was issued by the foundation in 2015. The challenge inspired alumni, faculty, staff, community members and others to make 434 new gifts and pledges during an 18-month period. Funds support the New Building Fund and the Library of the Future Fund. [Details](#)

*“Having mother's rooms in Cabell Library demonstrates a commitment to work/life balance that is invaluable as an employee. It also underscores that the library is a nexus on campus that seeks to support all our diverse users.”*

*Research librarian Carla-Mae Crookendale*

## News

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[Eisner Award winners coming to Cabell](#)

[VCU Cabell First Novelist semi-finalists announced](#)

[Cabell Tours set for Tuesdays and Wednesdays](#)

## Events

**Sept. 14:** [Real Film Series](#) dinner screening kicks off Common Book year

**Sept. 21:** "Spotlight" opens [Questioning Cinema series](#)

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

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

**Ongoing:**

**Through summer:** [Intersections II: Art & Science](#)

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## Explore new portrait gallery honoring MCV leaders

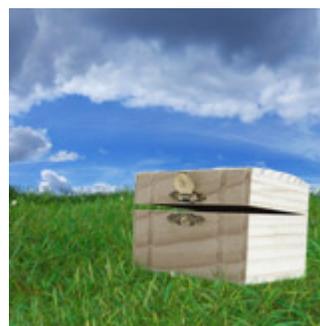
In the 1920s at the [Medical College of Virginia \(MCV\)](#), students and faculty established a tradition of honoring important leaders and department heads with commissioned portraits. Physicians who were trained by a "chief" would commonly offer a portrait to commemorate 25 or 30 years of service to the college. These honorifics, along with portraits of other luminaries—deans, founders and early supporters—comprise a significant body of portraiture held by VCU Libraries. While this tradition has largely been superseded by other honors for distinguished faculty, including endowed chairs, scholarships and lectures, the MCV Campus Portrait Collection pays tribute to some of these dedicated servants. For additional information and to view the portraits, please contact [Tompkins-McCaw Library Special Collections and Archives](#). [Explore this new online biographical and portrait exhibit.](#)



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