Thanks to everyone who made last year such a successful and memorable one for library events and exhibits. We hope to see you again for more great programs! Last year was our busiest programming year ever, with approximately 7,700 attendees, and 2014-15 is shaping up to be another big one. Check out the list of programs currently being planned. The list will be updated as details are finalized.

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**Construction update**

Jackhammer summer continues at Cabell Library. The "skin" of the original 1970–75 building is being peeled away to open up the facade for a major facelift. The big construction crane should be in place by early August. Earplugs are available at the service desk.

- Questions about construction?

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**Please help us grow**

As VCU Libraries starts a new academic year this month and continues raising funds for a new library building, your annual donations are critical. Please make an annual fund gift today. Select "where the need is greatest." If you have friends who would like to support the libraries, please send
- Watch the webcam for updates.
- Find day-to-day building news on the construction-update site.

their contact information to vassaram@vcu.edu or (804) 827-1165 and we'll reach out.

"What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education."

Educator and policymaker Harold Howe II

From "50 thought-provoking quotes About libraries and librarians"

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**News**

- See inside Comic Arts Collection
- Helene Wecker wins VCU Cabell First Novelist Award
- Library Fest kicks off school year
- VCU Libraries wins PR awards
- Questions about construction?
- BrowZine: New way to read journals

**Events**

- "Through the Looking Glass" exhibit
- Public programs for 2014–15
- Recently posted videos:
  - Digital Pragmata "Scholar, Maker, Creator" panel
  - "Careers in Art and Object Conservation" panel
  - Sanger Series "The Intellectual Properties of Learning" lecture

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Grant-funded project becomes model for global academic collaboration
Scientists around the world, including many at VCU, are working to understand addiction to prevent, diagnose and treat it. Now, a VCU Libraries effort is building an information infrastructure for a global program. A team of librarians from VCU and universities in Australia and Great Britain are building a virtual library that will be used by students in a joint addiction studies program. Envisioned as a model for resource sharing in the digital age, this collaboration could be adapted to other international degree programs. Read more