This rooftop view of the crane that hangs over Cabell Library is a clear sign of what's in store. Concrete has been poured. Vertical construction is getting underway. Curious about what amenities and specific spaces the new library will offer? See new Web pages that show floor-by-floor plans and how to help us build. See images and renderings and details about the building plan. Want to help? Contact Kimberly Separ, director of development and community relations, at krsepar@vcu.edu.

- Questions about construction?
- Watch the webcam for updates.
- Find day-to-day building news on the construction-update site.

New mission statement
a librarywide effort

Everyone in the libraries who wanted a hand in crafting the new mission statement had a chance. A committee collected ideas from

Open Access: Getting informed and engaged

A cluster of programs Oct. 20-24 will delve into the Open Access movement and how students, grad students and faculty can help and
individuals and departments. Drafts were shared for comment and conversation. The final:

"VCU Libraries transforms our communities by enriching scholarship, learning and clinical care through our teaching, our collections and our leadership."

"We have to build this to make sure this maturing research university has the infrastructure to support it."

University Librarian John E. Ulmschneider on Scholars Compass

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- [Photos: Former head librarian honored at reception](#)
- [We're on Tumblr now! Follow VCU Libraries on all our channels](#)
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**Events**

- Oct. 8: [Meet VCU's Authors: Gregory D. Smithers](#)
- Oct. 14: [Advance Your Research](#)
- Oct. 20-24: [Open Access Week](#)
- Oct. 21: [Sanger Series lecture by Bruce Alberts: Science and the World's Future](#)
- Nov. 4: [VCU Cabell First Novelist Award Night](#)
- Nov. 5: [Meet VCU's Authors: Katherine Saunders Nash](#)
- Through Dec. 31: ["Through the Looking Glass"](#)
VCU Libraries and the VCU Office of Research and Innovation present the next installment of the Sanger Series: "Science and the World's Future," a lecture by Bruce Alberts, best known as one of the original authors of the landmark text *Molecular Biology of the Cell* and as former editor-in-chief of *Science*. Alberts will discuss the vital importance of science and science education to our future. [Read more and register to attend.]