See Old Richmond in a New Way

Interested in the history and architecture of Richmond? You can now explore the city as it was at the end of the 19th century, thanks to a newly digitized and interactive map that Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries has posted. The online map is from the Atlas of the City of Richmond, published in 1889. Its 20 panels mapped the city, including parts of Henrico and Chesterfield counties and the old city of Manchester on the Southside. The old maps are juxtaposed over current Google Maps, clearly showing changes and growth. Geospatial data used to create the modern map overlay is available for download and use. Points of interest and links to other images offer more ways to interact with this then-and-now resource. News article

Coach Smart poster helps VCU Libraries

Basketball coach Shaka Smart is featured in a new READ poster that promotes libraries and literacy. The handsome poster is being

Construction hits milestone and tops off

Some 3,000 members of the VCU community signed the beam that was hoisted ceremonially to the top of the new library March 18 in the
offered as a token of appreciation to first-time VCU Libraries donors at the $100 level or above. Make a gift. You can elect to pass on the poster to a child or a local school.

traditional "topping off." Progress is moving at a fast clip. Some photos are on view on Flickr, and you can always watch construction in on the webcam.

"No group appreciates this milestone more than our students, to whom this library means so much day in and day out."

University Librarian John E. Ulmschneider at the March 18 Topping-off Ceremony

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April 6: Comic Arts Talk by Scott McCloud

April 7/8: VCU Tech Fair

April 17: Digital Pragmata brown-bag session

April 20: Digital Pragmata: The Future in Four Dimensions

April 22: Careers in Art and Historic Conservation
Flickr is a premiere image and photo-sharing media platform. Its more elite cousin, Flickr Commons, is a by-invitation-only repository for public domain images. Officially on March 25, Virginia Commonwealth University joined the ranks of the Library of Congress, the British Library, the National Archives, Cornell, NYPL, Smithsonian, the Library of Virginia and other august national and international public and academic libraries and cultural and archival institutions as its 100th member.

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Black History Month Lecture video  Topping-off Ceremony video  New library building