Edith Cavell (Dec. 4, 1865-Oct. 12, 1915) was a nurse early in World War I. Serving in Belgium, she assisted British soldiers' escapes to neutral Netherlands. The Germans executed her and she became a patriotic symbol and rallying cry for the war effort. To mark the 100th anniversary of her martyrdom, Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences presents "A Nurse Who Did Her Duty," an exhibit of postcards from the collection of Kay Seidenberg (B.S.'85/N), a VCU School of Nursing alumna. An opening reception will be held 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. Later in October, the library opens a companion exhibit from the National Library of Medicine on images of nursing and nurses through the ages. Event details Online exhibition

Librarians are coming: VLA headed to RVA

The Virginia Libraries Association

Libraries’ ‘Batman’ items soon on view in New York

Holy rare collectibles!!! Set design
conference, some 1,000 attendees strong, will be held Oct. 21-24 in Richmond. VCU Libraries is playing a lead role, by hosting a luncheon with guest speaker Wayne Weigand, Ph.D., the dean of library historians. Details about the conference.

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“I knew some of my family's history, but I didn't know how it connected to American history and African–American history.”
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Alumna Michelle Taylor (B.S.’15/H&S; B.A.’15/H&S), former library undergraduate adviser and current employee, whose research at Madison's Montpelier became a personal journey.

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**Fall 2015: services, programs, spaces**

Follow Inside the Collections

Friends board welcomes new leadership and members

Emily Dickinson letter newly digitized

Kathy Bradshaw to head organizational development

Boris Fishman wins 2015 VCU Cabell First Novelist Award

New VCU Bulletin and its archives launched

2015 Levis Reading Prize goes to poet Sandra Lim

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**Events**

Oct. 7: **VCU's Authors: Faedah Totah**

Oct. 8: **Real Life Film Series**

Oct. 8: **Levis Reading Prize Night**

Oct. 15: **Advance Your Research**

Nov. 3: **Sanger Series**

Nov. 4: **VCU's Authors: Emilie Raymond**

Nov. 10: **Cabell First Novelist Award Night**

**Exhibits:**

Opening Oct. 9: **Edith Cavell: A Nurse Who Did Her Duty**

Opening Oct. 22: **Unmasked: Art by Nickolai Walko**
Nickolai Walko (B.F.A.'14/A), a graduate of the VCU School of the Arts, is the featured artist at the Tompkins-McCaw Library Gallery with "Unmasked: A Visual Dissection." His bold, pop-art anatomical renderings are made using an exacting process involving masking tape. Walko likens his creative process to a medical operation. The show opens Oct. 22 with a 5:30-7 p.m. reception. All are invited. Details about the exhibition Image: The Brain.
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