Richmond author James Branch Cabell left a distinctive literary legacy and a 52-volume body of work at his death in 1958. Margaret Freeman, his widow (in the center image with Cabell), donated his personal library and papers in the late 1960s to the newly formed VCU. The Cabell Room (top) was designed to mimic a gentleman's library. Freeman also helped establish the James Branch Cabell Library Associates Board.

Today, the Monroe Park Campus library bears the Cabell name, as well as his legacy of literary inspiration through the preservation of his work. "Margaret Freeman helped create the Cabell Associates to safeguard her husband's work," said Walter Dotts III, associates president (right, pictured with his wife, Jennie). "Their home on Monument Avenue (left) was also given to the board, and its sale gave us a footing to support the libraries and to promote Cabell as an important Southern writer. I don't think he's ever gotten the recognition he deserved. That's part of our purpose."

More about the Cabell Associates' past and present stewardship and support.
artists’ books in Top 16

Artists’ books borrow from the form of the book. VCU’s collection of some 4,000 pieces of book art is one of the nation’s most significant. These books focus on the development of an idea or message. They are published in limited editions. University News and VCU photographers explored these works of art, which are used in classrooms and may be viewed by individuals who visit Special Collections and Archives. See the Web-based presentation.

fiscal-year goals!

Fiscal year 2015 was record-breaking for VCU Libraries, and for that we’re grateful to friends like you who help to make better things possible for the libraries and thus also for the university’s faculty, staff and students as well as the greater Richmond community. We hosted some 60 events that brought more than 9,000 attendees to campus. We raised nearly $282,000 in gifts and pledges. Please be part of our continued success and make your Friends of the Library annual gift or pledge today.

"The closing of the gallery and the moving of the collection strengthens an already close connection of VCU Libraries’ collections to VCUarts."

Joseph H. Seipel, dean of the School of the Arts, in the VCU news story about the closing of the Anderson Gallery.

News

Anderson Gallery collection to have second life at Cabell

Questions about construction?

Summer season construction

Events

Through Sept.: "Wild Things/Far and Near: Photographs by Rob Sabatini" exhibit

Through Nov.: "We Made Do: Caring for the Sick and Wounded in
Construction is moving at a fast clip. The VCU Libraries development office is now taking requests and reservations for small-group hard-hat tours. Want to see what's happening with your own eyes? Please contact us. We look forward to showing you around!
Please make checks payable to VCU Foundation with the designation (Friends of the Library, New Building Fund, etc.) in the memo line. Thank you.