The April 6 talk by Scott McCloud, comics scholar and author/artist of such books as *Understanding Comics* and *The Sculptor*, was a runaway success. The line to get into the event was almost a block long, and we filled the theater within minutes of opening the doors. Photos from the event show the large, enthusiastic crowd. We're thrilled at how Richmond's thriving comics community is growing.

Watch Scott McCloud's Q&A on video. | Watch previous comics events on video: [James Sturm](#) and [Charles Vess](#). | And check out [a new comics exhibit on the imaginative representation of religions in comics](#), curated by archivists in James Branch Cabell Library Special Collections and Archives.

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**Open forums set to address the well**

Virginia Commonwealth University leaders and the [East Marshall Street Well Project](#) Planning

**Explore naming opportunities**

Construction on the new library is progressing at a fast clip. Furniture is on order. New and remodeled
Committee are holding four “community consultations” as part of the continued study, memorialization and reburial of human remains uncovered 20 years ago during construction on VCU’s MCV Campus. The remains, believed to be largely of African descent, were discovered in an abandoned 19th-century well. You are invited to participate in one of these free and open sessions. Restrooms will open this month. Grad students attended an open forum in mid-April and expressed enthusiasm and excitement for new graduate spaces. Marquee spaces are on schedule to be ready for the semester’s start. Some photos are on view on Flickr, and you can always watch live on the webcam. Want to see where you can help? Look at named-spaces opportunities.

"These persons were not treated with the dignity due to all human beings, either in life or death. The university has determined to move forward from this discovery in a way that respects their humanity."

University Librarian John E. Ulmschneider on the East Marshall Street Well Project

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**News**

- [Peeples returns to Prince Edward](#)
- [Kelly Gotschalk to lead libraries fundraising](#)
- [Commonwealth Times features Tom Robbins](#)
- [We're on Tumblr now! Follow VCU Libraries on all our channels](#)

**Events**

- Through September: "Wild Things" exhibit shows dental professor’s stunning photos
- May 9: [VCU commencement](#)
- May 16, 30: [East Marshall Street Well Planning Committee Community Forums](#)
VCU Libraries is playing a key role in telling an important and little-known story of the once-vibrant Historic Fulton community that fell victim to 1970s urban renewal. The Historic Fulton Oral History Project is now digital. Transcripts are searchable. Audio files are also available. While the physical neighborhood was lost, emotional ties to the East End community remain strong. These oral histories capture memories, observations, facts and, for some, sadness and outrage at what was lost. University News posted a lengthy article about these voices of Fulton. Partners in this neighborhood documentation project were the Valentine, the Neighborhood Resource Center, Virginia Local Initiatives Support Corporation and the Greater Fulton’s Future Legacy Committee. Explore our collections.
Please make checks payable to VCU Foundation with the designation (Friends of the Library, New Building Fund, etc.) in the memo line. Thank you.