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## News for Friends of VCU Libraries

April 2016

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### ‘Tell the Rabble, the Name is Cabell’

Cabell has been the talk of campus most of the spring semester. [A new online compendium about the library's history and namesake](#) marked the [official grand opening](#) of the new James Branch Cabell Library on March 15. The day included speeches by Secretary of Education Anne Holton and President Michael Rao, a toast by Friends of the VCU Libraries Board Chair Carol Hampton, the [31st Annual Brown-Lyons Lecture by Jack D. Spiro](#), D.H.L., Ed.D. and much more. [Roundup of news coverage](#), Students devoured 3,000 snacks — served from book carts — in an hour's time. Visitors donned pins bearing Mr. Cabell's likeness and posed for ribbon-cutting photos against the green screen. [March 15: A day to remember](#)

#### Video pays tribute to Spiro on his final lecture

The 31st Brown-Lyons Lecture, with a SRO crowd in the new Cabell Library Lecture Hall, was held March 15. This was the final lecture expected to be delivered by

#### The book sale is BACK in one-day sale April 20

[The Friends of VCU Libraries book sale](#) took a hiatus during the construction at Cabell Library. It returns 10 a.m.-7 p.m. April 20 in a spacious new location, the Lecture

Jack Spiro, D.H.L., Ed.D, who has planned this lecture for 31 years and delivered 17 of them. He is retiring. [Enjoy this brief video tribute: "Brown-Lyons Through the Years."](#)

Hall (Room 303). Also new: A student group, the Emerging Leaders Program, is a partner in managing the sale. Proceeds benefit library programs or service projects.

*"Our new library, which sits at the center of our mission, is medicine for our soul."*

*President Michael Rao, Ph.D., grand opening remarks*

## News

[New oral histories tell stories of local Rosenwald Schools for blacks](#)

[Frankenstein exhibit closes April 23](#)

[Book sale returns to Cabell Library 10 a.m.-7 p.m. April 20](#)

[Students examine high-tech pioneer's legacy during spring break research trip](#)

["James Branch Cabell: Man of Letters and Libraries" online compendium](#)

[Grand opening: A day to remember](#)

[Video: See inside the new library](#)

[Association of Research Libraries fellow Dennis Clark reflects on leadership and academic libraries](#)

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## Events

**April 4 and 5**  
[VCU Tech Fair 2016](#)

**4 p.m. April 4**  
[John Greyson: Fig Trees](#)

**Noon April 14**  
[Real Life Film Series](#)

**4 p.m. April 14**  
[Neville Hoad: The Fiction of Best Practices — The Novel and the NGO](#)

**5 p.m. April 18**  
[South Africa's Constitutional Transition and AIDS — A Personal Account](#)

**7 p.m. April 28**  
[Print+Web 2: Texts, Publishers, Books](#)

**April 29-30**  
[THATCamp New Souths 2016](#)



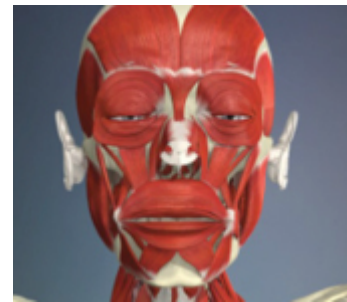
[Virginia Commonwealth University's](#) newly expanded and renovated [James Branch Cabell Library](#) adds 93,000 square feet of new construction and 63,000 square feet of improvements to the existing Monroe Park Campus library, providing VCU's roughly 32,000 students with a library designed specifically to meet their needs for research, study and collaboration. [Explore: A library transformed](#)



"Man of Letters & Libraries" Exhibit



Jack Spiro's 2016 Brown-Lyons Lecture



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