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First-floor facelift begins Dec. 16 on MCV Campus

Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences is getting an update to better serve students. The first floor will receive new carpet, new furniture and a new service desk. Construction begins December 16 with the most disruptive work taking place over

New student project aims to raise \$10k

Among the 3,000 rarely empty seats in library buildings are some scrappy and worn ones. With more than 2 million visitors each year, wear and tear on library furnishings is constant. The Cabell Library Undergraduate Advisory Committee's campaign to help

the winter break to minimize inconvenience to students, faculty and staff. Be prepared for noise and disruption through January 2017. The library will keep its regular hours during the work.

answer that need is the Misfit Chairs Project. VCU's first student-centric, Web-based crowdfunding effort is raising money for new chairs for the libraries. To get involved and help the students

"From the minute Wei Dong arrived from China, he has been an inspiration to all who meet him."

Terrell Luck Harrigan (BFA '87/Arts), alumna and friend to the artist Wei Dong. His art is showing On the Cabell Big Screen through January 2017.

News

[National Book Award winner to give VCU Libraries talk Feb. 9](#)

[Larry Levis documentary relies deeply on Special Collections](#)

[VCU stages public art project on Cabell lawn](#)

[President Rao photo shoot features Cabell](#)

[Class trains student journalists how to write about science](#)

[Explore "Wildflowers" in winter](#)

Events

Save the dates:

Feb. 9: 15th Annual Black History Month Lecture, featuring [Colson Whitehead](#), [Nation Book Award-winning author of *The Underground Railroad*](#)

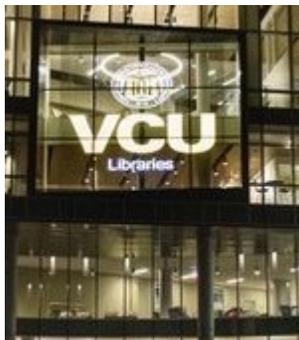
Recent video:

[19th Annual Levis Reading Prize Night, featuring Rickey Laurentiis, author of *Boy with Thorn*](#)



Digital exhibit from collection showcases the Encampment for Citizenship at its 70th anniversary

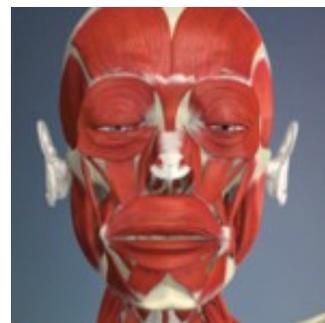
[VCU Libraries'](#) newest gallery, "[Encampment for Citizenship: Education for Democratic Living,](#)" offers a taste of its collection of documents, correspondence, photographs, artwork and memorabilia related to the Encampment for Citizenship, a summer camp experience launched after World War II to bring together young people from diverse backgrounds and encourage democratic citizenship, community service, activism and leadership. [Learn more.](#)



"Man of Letters & Libraries" exhibit



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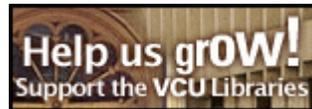
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