Programs pack Black History Month

VCU Libraries has long been an on-campus leader in staging meaningful programs that explore American culture and history through the lens of the black experience. Black History Month 2016 offers particularly strong sessions that include exploring **disparities in heart disease** and learning how “Birth of a Nation” ignited a protest movement in Virginia. The libraries’ signature Black History Month Lecture features irreverent and outspoken cartoonist **Keith Knight**, who will present on racism and law enforcement in “**They Shoot Black People, Don’t They?**” As a finale to a full month, we host the **African American Read-in**. Please drop by during this four-hour session to listen and reflect and, if you choose, read aloud.

[All the details about these events](https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=0b75d1f0f2287f5b11d660706&id=fff0aa0435&e=67a835b6a9)

*Image: Dr. Scot Brown’s Brook Reading, 2004, by Zeal Harris*

Finding your way in new Cabell spaces

Explore the Workshop on lower level
Interactive floor maps will help you find your way around. Visit VCU Libraries Flickr album to see new spaces. Use our self-guided tour guide and directories and maps posted on each elevator. Plan to attend the March 15 grand opening.

Innovative Media is now in exciting new space in Cabell Library. Staff is available to demonstrate equipment and answer questions. Learn more about available materials, including 3-D printers, laser cutters, sewing machines, telescopes and more. More

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University Librarian John E. Ulmschneider on joining the pioneering Open Library of Humanities

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Poetry collection a strategic priority

New online collection features postcards of municipal buildings

Help select the winner of the 2016 Cabell First Novelist Award Contest

Washington Post highlights Keith Knight, 2016 Black History Month speaker, in article on the power of comics to address race

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Events

7-9 p.m. Feb. 3
Meet VCU’s Authors: Nicholas Frankel

7-9 p.m. Feb. 4
14th Black History Month Lecture, featuring cartoonist Keith Knight

Noon-1 p.m. Feb. 11
Real Life Film Series: "The Angry Heart: The Impact of Racism on Heart Disease Among African-Americans"

7-9 p.m. Feb. 18
Birth of a Nation, Birth of a Movement

Noon-1:30 p.m. Feb. 19
Copyright for Creators 2.0: Web, Arts and Multimedia Issues

4-5 p.m. Feb. 25
"The Secret History of Wonder Woman" with author Jill Lepore
Global Transmissions

VCU’s collection mirrors poetry’s international diversity

"Contemporary poetry is often a multimedia experience; it’s dynamic, engaged with social issues, and one of the most important forms of cultural expression across the world," so says Humanities Collections Librarian Kevin Farley, who is leading VCU Libraries' effort to build a "Collection of Distinction" in poetry. Farley and graduate student Emily Block explain their work to enhance an already-strong collection to better serve the VCU research and reading community. The poetry collection is only one of VCU Libraries' strategic priorities in building outstanding collections.