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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](#)

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](#)

“Libraries are changing the model of publishing in higher education. [This] is at the core of our strategy for advancing scholarly communication in the 21st century.”

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

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[Innovative Media studio becomes The Workshop](#)

[Quest Innovation grant goes to library and Robertson School partnership in science journalism](#)

[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](#)

[New fund aids faculty publishing](#)

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](#)

[Follow Inside the Collection](#)

Noon-4 p.m. Feb. 26
[African-American Read-in](#)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 2
[Sanger Series: Improving Transparency and Reproducibility of Scientific Research](#)

March 15
[New Cabell Library grand opening & 31st annual Brown-Lyons Lecture](#)



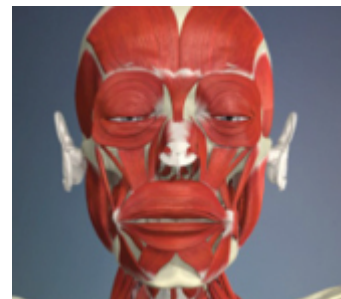
"Contemporary poetry is often a multimedia experience; it's dynamic, engaged with social issues, and one of the most important forms of cultural expression across the world," so says Humanities Collections Librarian Kevin Farley, who is leading VCU Libraries' effort to build a "Collection of Distinction" 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.



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Levis Reading Prize recipient Sandra Lim



Inside the

Novelist Award
Night

Collections blog



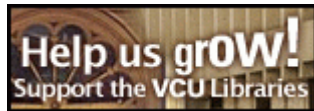
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