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NEWS AND UPDATES

New Web pages showcase VCU Libraries' plans and needs: Many supporters of VCU Libraries have been asking for details about the proposed new library on the Monroe Park Campus adjoining James Branch Cabell Library. These new web pages answer most questions about the new library. The planned Student Academic Commons and Library Renovation project will create a vibrant center for student academic life. The projected cost is $47.5 million, and planning funds are under consideration in the current legislative session through the Virginia General Assembly's budgeting process. See video from President Michael Rao, Ph.D. and from University Librarian John Ulmschneider talking about VCU's momentum and VCU Libraries' future. Click here to view the library web page.

Around-the-clock operations: The Office of the Provost is funding a pilot program to establish all-hours services beginning March 18. This has been the No. 1 request of students for years. More

Elevator art uplifts: An installation of new wall art at the Cabell elevator doors combines basic information ("fourth floor silent study") with inspirational quotations. The featured wisdom includes a statement from Dr. Francis M. Foster, locally renowned teacher, dentist, historian and civic activist. More

About the Francis M. Foster African-American History Endowment Fund: Established to honor the legacy of Foster, the fund buys library materials and provides support for the annual Black History Month event. Foster, an expert on Jackson Ward and a much beloved and respected member of the metro Richmond and VCU communities,
died in 2008. His birth date is Feb. 28. Make a gift

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENTS

10th Annual Black History Month Lecture Feb. 22: Advertising icon and author Tom Burrell is a national thought leader about effective campaigns featuring African-Americans. He shares his insights on race and America and the need for positive "propaganda" to right years of wrongs. More


COMING UP

Feb. 3: Art auction hosted by the School of Pharmacy at Tompkins-McCaw Library, 6 p.m.
Feb. 4: Klezm’Or’Ami’m in a program of hit tunes by Gershwin and klezmer classics at 2 p.m. at the Richmond Public Library main branch
Feb. 9: "Grasping Gershwin: The Main Behind the Music," lecture by Patrick Smith of VCU Department of Music, noon, Room 250, Cabell Library
Feb. 14: Love songs in the library....a performance by student musicians, Gianna Barone and Denver Walker, noon, Cabell Library
Feb. 22: 10th Annual VCU Libraries Black History Month program with author and advertising icon Tom Burrell
March 22: Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa

**News to use: Our Time. Right Now:** Here's the story behind the new banners flying all around campus. See if you can spot Cabell Library in [this high-energy video](#).

**Inside insight:** How many people used Cabell Library in fall 2011?

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