March 2012

NEWS AND UPDATES

March is high season for VCU Libraries events. Mark your calendars for the March 8 opening of a fascinating new art show, a reading by a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and the much-anticipated 27th annual Brown-Lyons Lecture by Dr. Jack D. Spiro. Events round-up

March 29, in “Jerusalem: A Tale of Three Cities,” scholar Jack D. Spiro explores the holy city’s diverse meanings in Judaism, Christianity and Islam and discusses memories, practices, literary sources, values and beliefs and the conflicting visions of the city as “sacred space.” 7:30 p.m., W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts, 922 Park Ave. More

March 22, poet Yusef Komunyakaa reads. The author of many books teaches at New York University. Considered an important voice for his times, Komunyakaa draws from diverse experiences and interests including civil rights, the Vietnam War, class struggle and jazz. 7 p.m., W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts, 922 Park Ave. More
March 8, the show **INTERSECTIONS: ART AND SCIENCE** opens with a free reception. The science of art made to inform and the art of scientific illustration are on view in 38 works through Sept. 28 at Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences. This partnership is with VCU's Department of Communication Arts. Works are by students, alumni and faculty of the Scientific and Preparatory Medical emphasis area. Fitting for a university with both world class arts and medical schools, the VCU program is among a few in the nation. In 2006, VCU created this academic focus area to prepare students for careers as scientific illustrators and for advanced study in the field of medical illustration. The exhibition includes human anatomy, structural, muscular and anatomical drawings of the figure. Images in various media and digital technologies include plants, animals, insects, microorganisms, surgical procedures and animations. All are invited to the opening reception 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the library at 509 N. 12th St. [RSVP](#) and learn more

**VCU Libraries upcoming events:**

- **March 8:** Opening night for **INTERSECTIONS: ART AND SCIENCE**
- **March 22:** [Pulitzer Prize winning poet Yusef Komunyaka](#)
- **March 29:** [27th Annual Brown-Lyons Lecture, “Jerusalem: A Tale of Three Cities”](#)
- **April 2012:** [VCU Alumni Month](#)
- **April 14:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. [Book Drive](#)

**More Libraries news**

**Check out CHEC:** The Community Health Education Center, Gateway Building, 1200 Marshall St. is a consumer health information library for patients, their families and community patrons. It marks 10 years of service to metro Richmond this year. Mark your calendars for an open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 17. E-invitations will go out soon.

**Cabell First Novelist readers needed:** Some 75 entries have been submitted for judging for the annual literary prize. The novels are available for checkout at Cabell Library. **Deadline for readers is April 1.**

**News to Use:** Start clearing your bookshelves now. VCU Libraries' annual book drive will be held Saturday, April 14, as part of VCU Alumni Month. Volunteers will be stationed from 1-4 p.m. at the loading dock at the back of James Branch Cabell Library off Linden Street. [More information](#) or contact kimbrellgg@vcu.edu or (804) 828-0593.

**Inside Insight: About the new building** University librarian John E. Ulmschneider
discussed VCU Libraries future at the February Board of Visitors meeting. See the Richmond Times-Dispatch coverage ... Richmond Magazine featured the new library in its February issue, The 2012 Complete Sourcebook.

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