Update: New library design evolving and on track

VCU Libraries and VCU leadership, working with architects, have made many key decisions about the building program for the new library on the Monroe Park Campus. Most of the space in the new state-of-the-art academic center will be dedicated for students and faculty. Increased seating will accommodate collaborative and individual work in active and quiet settings. The interior will feature signature reading rooms, reconfigurable labs and group work areas and seating for focused, individual work. More.

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VCU Libraries salutes Tom Robbins and James River Writers

VCU Libraries is a sponsor for the 10th anniversary conference of James River Writers, which is featuring author and VCU alumnus Tom Robbins (B.S.'59/MC), Library of Virginia 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. The conference, at the Richmond Convention
Center Oct. 20-21, will feature a display about Robbins' work prepared by Special Collections and Archives from Robbins' papers housed at James Branch Cabell Library.

Inside the Libraries

Community Health Education Center anniversary: The only library of its kind in the commonwealth, the consumer health library in the Gateway Building of VCU Medical Center continues to mark its 10th anniversary in 2012. The latest: More web research guides written for consumers by librarians and the Oct. 18 lecture with patient safety advocate John J. Nance (details below).

Insider information: Shhhhhhh. In October, the old online catalog retires. The powerful new one-button Search searches hundreds of millions of items simultaneously.

Upcoming events


New events brochure and website

To share as an overview of what's happening at the libraries, new this year is a brochure of events. If you do not receive your copy by the second week in October, please send your name, mailing address and email address (for email updates) to Antonia FD Vassar (B.A. '05/A), assistant director of development, at (804) 827-1165 or vassaram@vcu.edu You can also see our events on the VCU Libraries Presents site www.library.vcu.edu/events/2012-13 and download a copy of the calendar.
News and notes

- **VCU Libraries Comic Arts Collection on Top 20 Special Collections List**
- **Revealing interview in Los Angeles Review of Books with Cabell First Novelist Award Recipient Justin Torres**
- **National Book Foundation Names Cabell Winner Torres to Top 5 Under 35**
- **Friend of the Libraries and professor emeritus Dr. Ed Peeples: Panel Discussion Reflects on Struggles and Triumphs of Attending St. Philip School of Nursing**
- **Library Gift Shows Changes in Pharmacy Field**
- **VCU Grad Pens Classic of Contemporary War Fiction**

**Thanks and more**

**Thanks once again to Richmond Public Library Friends of the Library**
The loaned exhibition, **Books You Carry With You**, featuring 50 Richmond leaders and their childhood book inspirations inspired college-age students and VCU faculty and staff during August and September. Students posted hundreds of notes and reflections about their own reading in response to the exhibition.

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