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New semester/new library

Students and faculty returning for spring semester are finding expansive, light-filled spaces and new services throughout James Branch Cabell Library. [Plan to attend the March 15 grand opening.](#) New [interactive floor maps will help you find your way around.](#)

Cabell Foundation awards challenge grant

The [Cabell Foundation](#) is supporting VCU Libraries with a \$1 million challenge grant to be divided equally between the [New Building Fund](#) and the [Library of the Future Fund](#). To help meet this challenge, contact [Kelly J. Gotschalk](#) (B.F.A.'90/A; M.A.'97/A), director of development and major gifts, at

A Star Wars sampler from Special Collections

From the *Star Wars* No. 1 comic book to a pop-up guide to the galaxy, hundreds of *Star Wars* comics, magazines, pop-up books, novelizations, fanzines and children's books are found in VCU Libraries' Comic Arts Collection. University Public Affairs published [an online magazine showcasing some of the collection.](#)

(804) 827-1163. [Learn more via Richmond BizSense.](#)

“It was one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had, and not just because the book won an award. I encountered true community — I'll be talking about it for a long time to come.”

Boris Fishman, author of A Replacement Life, on the VCU Cabell First Novelist Award Night

News

[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](#)

[Medicine and art meet in alumni exhibit at Tompkins-McCaw](#)

[New fund aids faculty publishing](#)

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Events

1-3:30 p.m. Jan. 22
[Copyright for Creators 2.0: Web, Arts and Multimedia Issues](#)

Noon-1:30 p.m. Jan. 27
[Print+Web 1: Illustration, Typography, Graphic Design](#)

5-8 p.m. Jan. 28
[Questioning Cinema: Ex Machina](#)

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](#)

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



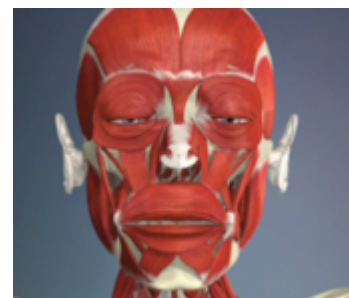
VCU Libraries offers a long lineup of spring events with programs that cover topics ranging from sci-fi films to nursing, from graphic design to the Hebrew prophets. Our new [events newsletter will help you mark the dates on your personal calendars](#). Please share the URL with friends. We look forward to seeing you this spring!



VCU Cabell First
Novelist Award
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Levis Reading Prize
recipient Sandra Lim



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