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## News for Friends of VCU Libraries

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### Grad student catalogs pre-1800 books

The stacks of books in Julian Neuhauser's office in James Branch Cabell Library are very old and very rare. There is a tiny book, dating back to 1709, that is bound with tortoise shell. There is an early goatskin-bound copy of *A Dictionary of the English Language*, the original dictionary by Samuel Johnson. And there is a 1723 edition of *Daimonologia, or, A Treatise of Spirits*, an occult text from the personal library of Richmond fantasy author James Branch Cabell, namesake of the library.

These rare books have long been available to researchers as part of [VCU Libraries' Special Collections and Archives](#), but now thanks to the efforts of Neuhauser (B.S.'15/H&S), a graduate student in the [Department of English](#) in the [College of Humanities and Sciences](#), they are more accessible than ever before.

[More about the Early Modern Books Project](#)

Want to see more? [Photographs of these books are on Flickr.](#)

## Join us and read The U.S. Constitution

Friday, Sept. 16, VCU Libraries will host an aloud reading of the document that defines the rule of law in the nation. Faculty, students and community are invited. Details are in the works.

## Public tours set for summer and fall

In response to community and campus interest in Cabell Library, tours (usually offered only to faculty and students) are now scheduled for the public. Sign up.

*“A portion of the money generated from books donated to the libraries will immediately and directly benefit student activities and student-centered projects.”*

*Director of Development and Major Gifts Kelly Gotschalk (B.F.A. '90/A; M.A. '97/A)  
on new partnership with VCU Emerging Leaders Program*

### News

[See it all: Three eye-related exhibits at Tompkins-McCaw on view until September](#)

[VCU's Students Today Alumni Tomorrow a national model](#)

[Scholars Compass: Growing in numbers and in impact](#)

[Virginia Supreme Court's "Bringing Down Jim Crow" exhibit features VCU digital collections](#)

[Enter "Rams Reaching Out" contest](#)

### Events

**Save the date:**  
**Oct. 27-31:** Friends of VCU Libraries Book Sale

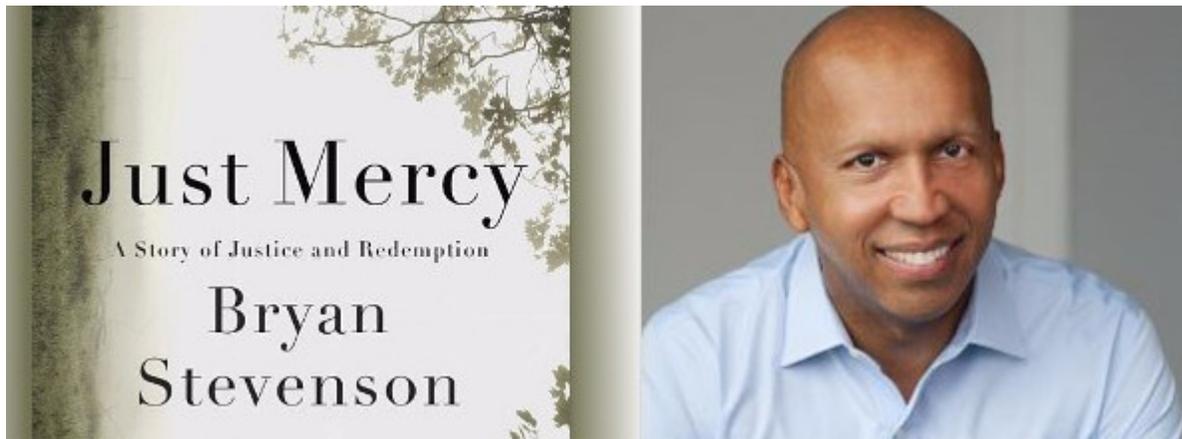
**Videos from spring events:**

[31st Brown-Lyons Lecture](#)

[Cabell Library Grand Opening](#)

[Print+Web 1: Illustration, Typography, Graphic Design](#)

[Print+Web 2: Texts, Publishers, Books](#)



## VCU's 2016 Common Book now available for checkout at libraries

As part of a yearlong, universitywide [Common Book initiative](#), thousands of incoming [Virginia Commonwealth University](#) students will read [Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption](#), a 2014 book that tells the true account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, provides a window into the lives of those he has defended and makes an argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. All in the VCU community are invited to join in and read *Just Mercy*. Copies of the book by Bryan Stevenson are available for checkout at VCU's libraries. [More](#)



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