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## News for Friends of VCU Libraries

March 2016

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## Grand opening and a grand finale

James Branch Cabell Library will celebrate its [official grand opening](#) Tuesday, March 15, with brief remarks at 5 p.m. followed by tours, refreshments and, later in the evening, [the 31st Annual Brown-Lyons Lecture by Jack D. Spiro, D.H.L., Ed.D.](#) This is expected to be his last such presentation. For nearly 30 years, Spiro has enlightened audiences and fueled community dialogue with his thought-provoking annual lectures on some of the most important topics in the Jewish culture and faith. He tells University News that he's saved the best for last.

### Digging deeper: Research tips on race/violence

Want to better understand how to work in scholarly literature? Would you like to see a quantitative picture of how someone's work or topic of interest fits into a larger pattern of inquiry? Do you know how to see patterns and directions

### The book sale is BACK in one-day sale April 20

The Friends of VCU Libraries book sale took a hiatus during the construction at Cabell Library. It returns in a spacious new location, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. April 20 in the Lecture Hall (Room 303). Also new: A student group, The Emerging

in research? [See how you can sort a broad topic to identify patterns and the evolution of directions.](#)

Leaders Program, is a partner in managing the sale and sharing in profits that will fund service projects on and off campus.

*“We spend a lot of time in the library, trying to help each other out and stay on top of our studies.”*

*Jonathan Brooks, quoted in Richmond Times-Dispatch article about students whose video about black excellence has gone viral*

## News

[Cabell refines expectations for "quiet" and "silent" study](#)

[Wonder Woman's plane draws visible crowds to exhibit](#)

[Legacy of Francis Foster celebrated at new library](#)

[Students whose 'Black Excellence' video goes viral visit library daily](#)

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## Events

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 2  
[Sanger Series: Improving Transparency and Reproducibility of Scientific Research](#)

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

Noon-1 p.m. March 17  
["Life, Death and Mistakes," Real Life Film Series](#)

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 23  
[Sanger Series: Examining Institutional Conflicts of Interest](#)

7-9 p.m. March 24  
[Meet VCU's Authors: Victor Chen](#)

Noon-1:30 p.m. March 25  
[Copyright for Creators: Last in the series with Madelyn Wessel](#)



Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences offers a steady stream of exhibits at its 509 N. 12th St. location. Opening March 14 is a traveling National Library of Medicine display that explores medical advances that challenge of our understanding of what it means to be human. The display explores Mary Shelley's literary invention in the context of the science of its time. [Details](#)

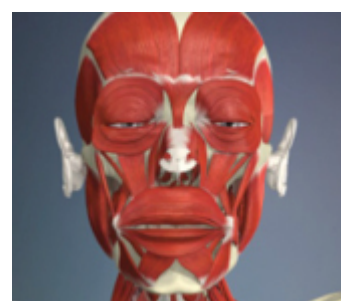
Also coming soon: a new gallery show that features medical illustrations of the eye.



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Night



Levis Reading Prize  
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