



LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

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Book Launch for *To Collect, Protect and Serve Set* for March 17 at the Library of Virginia

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For Immediate Release

Tameka Hobbs will sign copies of *To Collect, Protect, and Serve: Behind the Scenes at the Library of Virginia* at the Virginia Shop on March 17 from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. The new children's book, published by the Library of Virginia, teaches young people about the important work done by Library staff. The book uses engaging cartoon figures—Archie the Archivist, Libby the Librarian, and Connie the Conservator dedicated to fighting Archival Enemies called Liquid Lenny, Andy Acid, Mildred Mold, Bartholomew B. Bug, Fred the Flame, Lucia Light, Surge, and Worm.i.am—to explain the roles of librarians and archivists in keeping historical documents safe for future generations. The illustrations are by Les Harper of Lightbox Studios, who previously worked with the Library on the graphics for the Library's 2009 exhibition *Poe: Man Myth, or Monster*.

The first 50 elementary teachers will receive a FREE copy of the book. The Virginia Shop will offer a special discount to educators throughout the evening.

The book was funded through a grant from the Garland and Agnes Taylor Gray Foundation. The Library will distribute copies of the 36-page softcover book to students who attend programs at the Library and to select schools in Virginia. Individual copies can be purchased through the Virginia Shop (804-692-3592, www.theviriniashop.org) for \$15.99.

There is free parking under the Library for this event. Enter from either Eighth or Ninth streets.

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