The Library of Virginia is bustling with activity this winter. Winter is a time when much of the natural world goes quiet and dormant, when plants and animals suspend their usual activities in order to rest and prepare for spring. Inside the Library of Virginia, just the opposite occurs during the winter months. Activity fills our lobby and meeting spaces, our reading rooms, and our events calendar during this very busy time of year.

The Virginia General Assembly meets during January and February, and the Library’s location just a block away from Capitol Square makes us a convenient place for people involved with the legislature to connect, often over lunch in our Discovery Café. Many civic and professional organizations rent the Library’s meeting spaces during these months as well, sponsoring briefings, gatherings, and receptions that draw large numbers of legislators and government officials. This winter our To Be Sold exhibition has continued to attract crowds of visitors, who have also attended special programs connected with the exhibition. To Be Sold programming extends into the spring. Among the highlights is a day-long symposium the Library is undertaking in partnership with The Historic New Orleans Collection. The symposium will take place simultaneously in Richmond and New Orleans and will be simulcast at both locations on March 21 (see p. 12).

In January the Library joined with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to celebrate the foundation’s 40th anniversary. Guests had the opportunity to participate in a live appearance of the popular VFH-produced public radio program BackStory, featuring the informative and entertaining “History Guys.” In February, we are proud to partner with Dominion to honor African American trailblazers through the Strong Men and Women in Virginia History program. This March we will once again honor eight Virginia women of accomplishment at our annual Virginia Women in History event. In April, as winter gives way to spring, we will participate in an international conference on Healing History: Memory, Legacy, and Social Change sponsored by Initiatives for Change and Hope in the Cities. These and many other activities—along with the bustle of researchers using the collections in the Library’s reading rooms—ensure that things are always in motion here, even when the weather outside is frightful.

The Library engages with many community partners to offer these programs to the public. As always, our most valued partner is the Library of Virginia Foundation, a private 501(c)(3) organization that promotes and supports the Library’s good work. The Foundation relies on the generosity of readers such as you to conserve our rare archival and printed collections, to provide educational programming not only in Richmond but also at other venues across the state, and to extend the reach of our resources to wider audiences. There is still time to help the Foundation make its annual fund goal for 2015 by contacting the Foundation office at 804.692.3900 or by going online to www.thevirginiashop.org/foundation-membership.aspx.

Sincerely,

Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia
Welcome to the Library of Virginia, the state’s oldest institution dedicated to the preservation of Virginia’s history and culture. Our resources, exhibitions, and events attract nearly 200,000 visitors each year. Our collections, containing nearly 119 million items, document and illustrate the lives of both famous Virginians and ordinary citizens.

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In observance of Black History Month, the Library of Virginia and Dominion honor eight distinguished Virginians as the 2015 Strong Men & Women in Virginia History for their contributions to Virginia and the nation.

Each generation of African Americans has built on the achievements of those who came before to lead the way to the future. The men and women featured in the Strong Men & Women in Virginia History program offer powerful examples of individuals who refused to be defined by their circumstances. Through education and advocacy, these individuals demonstrate how African Americans have actively campaigned for better lives for themselves and their people.

Biographies of the honorees will be displayed in an exhibition at the Library in February; featured on materials that have been sent to schools, libraries, and museums across Virginia; and included on an educational website for teachers and students. To learn more about these extraordinary men and women, all of whom have used their talents and creativity to push for equality and inclusion in American society, visit our website at www.lva.virginia.gov/smw. Further information about distinguished African Americans from Virginia can be found in the Dictionary of Virginia Biography (Richmond: Library of Virginia, 1998–2006).

STRONG MEN & WOMEN IN VIRGINIA HISTORY PROGRAM
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Exhibition, instructional materials, classroom activities, nomination forms

Lott Cary
ca. 1780–1828
Charles City County
BAPTIST MINISTER & SETTLER OF LIBERIA

Born into slavery, Lott Cary purchased his own freedom and became an early leader in the new West African colony of Liberia.

James “Plunky” Branch

Richmond
MUSICIAN AND EDUCATOR

For decades, multi-talented saxophonist and bandleader James “Plunky” Branch has promoted the cultural importance of music at home and abroad.

Beth Anne Brown
1969–2008
Roanoke
ASTROPHYSICIST

An astrophysicist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, Beth A. Brown worked to inspire women and minorities to pursue careers in science.
William Harvey Carney
1840–1908
Norfolk
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

For his bravery during battle in the American Civil War, Sergeant William H. Carney was the first African American to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Earl Francis Lloyd
Alexandria BASKETBALL PIONEER

Earl Lloyd was the first African American to play in the National Basketball Association and the league’s first African American assistant coach.

Sheila R. Baxter
Franklin BRIGADIER GENERAL ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

Brigadier General Sheila Baxter was the first female and the second African American brigadier general in the Army Medical Service Corps.

Jamelle Smith Wilson
Hanover County EDUCATOR

Jamelle Smith Wilson is the first woman and first African American to lead the Hanover County Public School Division.

Alonzo Harding “Zo” Mourning Jr.
Chesapeake BASKETBALL PLAYER & PHILANTHROPIST

Hall of Fame basketball player Alonzo Mourning Jr. is a champion of charitable causes and persevered against kidney disease.

STRONG MEN & WOMEN
IN VIRGINIA HISTORY

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Exhibition and ceremony celebrate 2015's Virginia Women in History honorees

At an award presentation and reception on March 26, 2015, the Library of Virginia will celebrate the lives and contributions of eight extraordinary women.

The annual Virginia Women in History program recognizes eight women, past and present, who have developed new approaches to old problems, served their communities, striven for excellence based on the courage of their convictions, and initiated changes that continue to affect our lives today. Previous honorees, ranging across four centuries of Virginia history and all fields of endeavor, have included Pocahontas, Ellen Glasgow, Grace Hopper, Barbara Johns, Sheila Crump Johnson, Dolley Madison, and Mary-Cooke Branch Munford.

As part of the program, the Library designs materials that are sent to schools, museums, libraries, and other Virginia cultural institutions. A panel exhibition featuring the 2015 Virginia Women in History will be on display at the Library during the month of March and will then travel around the state for the next twelve months.

Teachers will find educational materials and suggested classroom activities related to this year’s honorees at www.lva.virginia.gov/vawomen. Learn more about Virginia women in the Dictionary of Virginia Biography (Richmond: The Library of Virginia, 1998–2006). The Library encourages teachers to work with their classes in researching and nominating candidates for next year’s Virginia Women in History program. Teachers submitting winning nominations receive for their schools $250 to be used for instructional materials or classroom supplies and also a set of reference books published by the Library.

An endowment from the Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Foundation supports this program.
Rebekah Dulaney Peterkin
1849–1891
Richmond
PHILANTHROPIST
Concerned about the plight of the working poor in Richmond, Rebekah Peterkin organized Sheltering Arms Hospital to provide free medical care.

Nancy Melvina “Vinnie” Caldwell
1868–1956
Carroll County
LEGISLATOR
When elected to the House of Delegates in 1927, Nancy “Vinnie” Caldwell became one of the earliest women to serve in the Virginia General Assembly.

Ruth Coles Harris
Richmond
BUSINESS PROFESSOR
The first African American woman to become a certified public accountant in Virginia, Ruth Coles Harris was also the founding director of the Sydney Lewis School of Business at Virginia Union University.

Vivian W. Pinn
Lynchburg
PATHOLOGIST AND WOMEN’S HEALTH ADVOCATE
Vivian W. Pinn works to expand women’s health programs and leadership roles for women in the field of medical research.

Karenne Wood
Fluvanna County
VIRGINIA INDIAN SCHOLAR AND ADVOCATE
As director of the Virginia Indian Program, Karenne Wood ensures that the history, traditions, and contributions of Virginia’s Indians are incorporated into Virginia’s historical narrative.

Virginia Women IN HISTORY
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Strong Men & Women in History
Honoree Displayed Bravery

During the momentous Civil War attack on Fort Wagner at Morris Island, South Carolina, in 1863, Sergeant William H. Carney, a soldier in the Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry, retrieved the unit’s American flag from the stricken flag bearer and kept it aloft, despite being wounded several times himself. For his bravery, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, becoming the first African American to be awarded the nation’s highest military honor.

Carney’s statement—“Boys, the old flag never touched the ground”—reportedly delivered to his fellow soldiers after the battle, reveals the pride he felt in serving his country. Preserving the integrity of the flag was symbolic of his patriotism, even though he and most other African Americans were treated as less than equal during—and after—the war by most white Americans.

Entrants in the Strong Men and Women in Virginia History student writing contest were asked to describe how Sergeant Carney’s heroism inspired them and to describe a situation in which an African American—past or present—was in a position that was unfair and yet rose above it.

WOUNDED WARRIOR
Norfolk-born William H. Carney received the Medal of Honor (shown below) on May 23, 1900, for his heroism during the Civil War assault on Fort Wagner in South Carolina. He fought with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, the first black military unit raised in the North.
Ruth Coles Harris Receives VABPW Foundation Business Leadership Award

The first African American woman to become a certified public accountant in Virginia, Ruth Coles Harris was also the founding director of the Sydney Lewis School of Business at Virginia Union University. Her accomplishments led to her selection as one of the Library of Virginia’s 2015 Virginia Women in History and as recipient of the Virginia Business and Professional Women’s Foundation Business Leadership Award.

A Charlottesville native and great-granddaughter of slaves, Harris graduated at the top of her class at Virginia State College (later University) in 1948 with a degree in business. As an African American woman in the age of Jim Crow, she was obliged to leave the state to pursue her education further and earned an MBA from New York University in 1949. She joined the faculty at Virginia Union University and taught in the commerce department. During her nearly 48-year tenure, the small department expanded into the Sydney Lewis School of Business. As the business school’s first director, Harris oversaw the development of its comprehensive curriculum and the growth of its enrollment to more than 400 students. At her retirement in 1997, she was named a Distinguished Professor Emerita.

Hoping to inspire her students, in 1962 Harris took and passed the two-day examination to be a certified public accountant at a time when there were fewer than 100 African American CPAs in the nation. She became the first black woman in Virginia to be certified. In 1977 she received her doctorate in education from the College of William and Mary. In 1998 Virginia Union awarded Harris with a Doctor of Humane Letters in recognition of her many contributions to that institution and her field.
Conducting research for many of Virginia’s counties is an acknowledged challenge. For some, like Buckingham County, the loss of public records is so catastrophic that it has been described as “hopeless.” While missing public records may never magically reappear, an exciting new supplement is now available. The era of digitized, searchable historic newspapers has arrived, providing researchers with new hope. For anyone interested in Virginia’s history, the rapidly growing database at the Library of Virginia’s Virginia Chronicle is a treasure trove.

Within the collection lurk the long-forgotten voices of correspondents, editors, and readers. Waiting to be rediscovered, these preserved newspapers are bursting with local color, charming antiquated language, and rare glimpses of yesterday’s everyday life. They hold the potential to fill many historical gaps. Because the content is searchable, researchers are spared hours at microfilm readers looking for needles in haystacks that may never appear. The world can now access this unique online repository of Virginia’s past.

I was writing a second volume of essays about Buckingham County when Virginia Chronicle became available. Without hesitation, I dove in armed with dozens of keywords. My searches resulted in everything from valuable nuggets to delightful, lengthy narratives, revealing not only relevant facts but also the tenor of the times. Quotes from a variety of newspapers—from the well-known to the obscure—added vitality and immediacy to my historical sketches.

During the 19th century and well into the 20th, Buckingham County, with its sparse and rural population, had difficulty maintaining a newspaper of its own. Thus, its news was covered in Appomattox, Charlottesville, Farmville, Scottsville, Staunton, and, of course, Richmond. Correspondents from Buckingham regularly contributed to the Farmville Herald and the Richmond Times-Dispatch. The social comings and goings of even small towns like Arvonia, New Canton, and Sheppards found their way into the “Society Section.” When a Newport News–based company started bottling Buckingham County’s healthful lithia water, advertisements ran in the city’s Daily Press.

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Joanne Yeck is the author of “At a Place Called Buckingham” and The Jefferson Brothers. In 2012, she began blogging about Buckingham County and its environs at Slate River Ramblings (slateriverramblings.com). “At a Place Called Buckingham,” Volume Two will be available this spring from Slate River Press.
Waiting to be rediscovered, these preserved newspapers are bursting with local color, charming antiquated language, and rare glimpses of yesterday’s everyday life.

One of the subjects in my book “At a Place Called Buckingham,” Volume Two is novelist Louise Harrison McCraw. Born in Buckingham County in 1893, McCraw began writing as a child. During 1904–1906, her stories, poems, riddles, and recipes appeared on the popular children’s page in the Sunday edition of Richmond’s Times-Dispatch. Her successful submissions included a drawing of a prairie hen, her “Autobiography of a Dog,” and a letter to the editor in which she stated, “I have a pretty little spotted kitten named ‘Montague.’ I call him Monty for short. He is very young and I have to feed him on catnip tea. I haven’t caught any fish yet, but I expect I will go fishing to-morrow.”

Searches at Virginia Chronicle do not always produce immediate results. Persistence is a must. Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software is imperfect. Faded, yellowing newsprint is not ideal material. Rockingham County and Buckingham County, for example, can be indistinguishable to the electronic eye.

My initial searches for an obituary for Col. Elijah G. Hanes, founder of Buckingham County’s Humanity Hall Academy, were surprisingly unfruitful, yet he was known far beyond the county and the Richmond newspapers carried his advertisements for decades. A brief mention of his death lay hidden in Richmond’s Daily Dispatch. His name was spelled “Hayne.” Newspapers, then and now, are notorious for misspelling names. Search creatively! This obituary was a terrific find. County records for Hanes’s death were lost in the 1869 Buckingham County fire. Now, not only the date is known but also the cause.

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My blog, Slate River Ramblings, benefits regularly from Virginia Chronicle. A favorite discovery concerns an unexpected bequest made in 1902 to a middle-aged Buckingham County schoolteacher. A multilayered headline in the Richmond Dispatch announced:

A PRETTY ROMANCE.
WELL KNOWN BUCKINGHAM LADY
THE BENEFICIARY OF A WILL.
BEQUEST FROM OLD LOVER.
Miss Laura E. Gregory Attracted the Attention of a Kansas Man by Her Newspaper Articles. Correspondence and Courtship Followed—The Unusual Sequel.

Unbeknownst to Laura Gregory, she was heir to $60,000. The article concludes, “This story reads like fiction, but the truth of the facts can be fully substantiated by the best people of the community.”

Historic newspapers are truly time machines. Dive into Virginia Chronicle and discover a rich mosaic of marvelous firsthand accounts, simple notices of marriages and deaths, and more than a few stories that read like fiction. Once you start reading, you’ll find it difficult to stop.
On October 18, 2014, the Library of Virginia’s lobby was once again transformed for the elegant Literary Awards Celebration, which honors literary achievements by Virginia authors and works on Virginia subjects. Barbara Kingsolver, this year’s Literary Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, was the featured speaker at the annual Literary Luncheon, held the same day at the John Marshall Ballrooms as part of the James River Writers Conference. Also honored at the evening celebration were the Carole Weinstein Prize in Poetry recipient, Rita Dove, former Poet Laureate of the United States; and the “Art in Literature: Mary Lynn Kotz Award” recipient, Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda, former Poet Laureate of Virginia. Best-selling author Adriana Trigiani hosted the evening celebration that featured perennial Virginia favorites such as David Baldacci and Lee Smith. Mark your calendars now for the 18th Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration on Saturday, October 17, 2015. For more information, visit www.lva.virginia.gov/litawards.
**Calendar**

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

**Tuesday, March 17 | Noon–1:00 PM**
**Lecture**
The Joys and Challenges of Historical Research
Place: Conference Rooms
Joanne Yeck and Shelly Murphy, longtime researchers at the Library of Virginia, will join the Library’s Chris Kolbe, archives reference coordinator, in an informative discussion of the practical challenges of working with “burned” counties, incomplete records, and African American family histories.

**Friday, March 20 | 5:30–7:00 PM**
**Exhibition-Related Lecture**
Solomon Northup and the Tragic Voyage of the *Orleans*
Place: Conference Rooms
Arizona State University scholar Calvin Schermerhorn recounts the life of Solomon Northup, the central character of the movie *12 Years a Slave*, and his voyage on the slaver *Orleans* as a case study of the complexities of the interstate slave trade. This program complements the Library’s exhibition *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade*.

**Thursday, March 26 | 6:00–8:00 PM**
**Women’s History Month Event**
2015 Virginia Women in History Program and Reception
Place: Lecture Hall & Lobby
Join the Library of Virginia as it recognizes eight outstanding Virginia women who have made important contributions to Virginia, the nation, and the world. A reception follows the program.

For more information call 804.692.3592.

**Tuesday, April 7 | Noon–1:00 PM**
**Exhibition-Related Presentation**
Digital Scholarship: Re-creating Richmond’s Slave District
Place: Conference Rooms
University of Richmond’s Digital Scholarship Lab staff members will present an overview of a recent project to develop a 3-D map of Richmond and its antebellum slave district. This program complements the Library’s exhibition *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade*.

**Saturday, April 18 | 1:00 PM**
**Voormeers Lecture on the History of Cartography**
The Transformation of Cartography in the Civil War Era
Place: Lecture Hall & Conference Rooms
Hosted by the Fry-Jefferson Map Society, the 12th annual Alan M. & Nathalie Voorhees Lecture on the History of Cartography will feature history professor and map scholar Susan Schulten discussing the effects of the sectional crisis on map production and uses as well as Library of Virginia map specialist Cassandra Farrell on the variety of maps produced and used during and after the Civil War. The lectures complement the Library’s current and upcoming exhibitions, *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade* and *Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation*. This event includes a special one-day exhibition of maps relating to the talks (11:00 AM–4:00 PM) and behind-the-scenes tours of the Library. Experts from antique map specialists Old World Auctions will provide one free map evaluation per participant (an assessment/estimate of authenticity, condition, and value, but not a written appraisal). For more information, visit www.lva.virginia.gov/maps or call 804.692.3561.

**Friday, April 24 | 10:00 AM–Noon**
**Genealogy Workshop**
Online Genealogy Resources
Place: Network Training Center
While not everything is available online, you can still get a start on your genealogical research by using the Internet. Join Library of Virginia archivists to explore the online world of genealogical research. Your experience will be enhanced if you have already signed up for a Library of Virginia card, which you can do at the Library circulation desk the morning before the class. Preregistration required. For registration and more information, go to http://tinyurl.com/LvGenWrpshp.

**Wednesday, April 29 | Noon–1:00 PM**
**Exhibition-Related Presentation**
The Library of Virginia’s African American Database Project
Place: Conference Rooms
Library archivist Greg Crawford provides an update on the massive effort to collect the names and stories of enslaved Virginians from the Library’s archives. Presented as part of Preservation Week, this program complements the Library’s exhibition *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade*.

**Symposium**

**Saturday, March 21 | 9:00 AM–5:15 PM**
**Exhibition-Related Event**
To Be Sold: The American Slave Trade from Virginia to New Orleans
Place: Lecture Hall
This two-city, daylong event will take place in both Richmond and New Orleans. Morning sessions will be held in Richmond and simulcast in New Orleans, while afternoon sessions will be held in New Orleans and simulcast in Richmond. Participants at both locations will engage in live discussions with attendees and presenters at both sites. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, this program complements the Library’s exhibition *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade*. Free, but reservations required. Go to www.vamem.com/03-21-2015.

**For the latest event information…**

Check our online calendar: www.lva.virginia.gov/news/calendar.asp
Sign up to receive our monthly E-newsletter: www.lva.virginia.gov/news/newsletter
The 2015 “Snuggle with a Book” Winter Reading Program, presented by the Library of Virginia, features images from *Curious George*. The Library promotes this annual program in February, “I Love to Read” Month. Participating libraries receive bookmarks, posters, reading logs/sticker sheets, certificates, a set of early literacy tips, and access to an online manual of program ideas (www.readvirginia.com/wrp.htm) to help children develop reading skills. Materials are bilingual in English and Spanish.

The Winter Reading Program focuses on the important role that parents and primary caregivers play in children’s early literacy development—what children know about reading and writing before they learn how to read and write. Without a strong foundation, children will not enter school ready to learn. Studies show that as many as one-third of children enter school without the necessary skills. This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and sponsors include local libraries, the Library of Virginia, and Smart Beginnings. For more information, contact Enid Costley, children’s and youth services consultant for the Library of Virginia, at enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3765.

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**To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade**

This groundbreaking exhibition explores the pivotal role that Richmond played in the domestic slave trade. Curated by University of Virginia professor Maurie McInnis, *To Be Sold* draws from her recent book, *Waiting to Be Sold: Abolitionist Art and the American Slave Trade*, and is anchored by a series of paintings and engravings by Eyre Crowe, a British artist who witnessed the slave trade as he traveled across the United States in 1853. Virginia was the largest mass exporter of enslaved people through the Richmond market, making the trade the most important economic activity in antebellum Virginia.
Reclaimed from the Map Thief

In 1995, the infamous rare-map thief Joseph Gilbert Bland Jr., also known as James Perry, visited the Library of Virginia (then located along Capitol Square at the corner of East Broad and Governor Streets) and removed 19 maps from a set of rare 18th-century books along with several other maps from the collection. Bland, who had opened a Florida store called Antique Maps & Collectibles with his wife in 1994, built his collection by slicing valuable maps from rare books in university and research libraries across the country. Bland was initially caught stealing one map at the George Peabody Library at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in December 1995, but after a notebook was discovered with his “hit list” of rare maps in numerous institutions, he was arrested in January 1996 for the multiple thefts that were soon discovered. In his plea bargain for a light sentence, Bland turned over a number of maps to the FBI, and he served less than two years in jail.

The 19 maps recovered by the FBI and reclaimed by the Library after Bland’s arrest represent an important part of the early history of our nation and Virginia. They were cut out of the rare title *Modern History: or, the Present State of all Nations ... by Mr. Thomas Salmon; illustrated with cuts and maps accurately drawn according to the geographical part of this work, by Herman Moll*. Published in 1739, this work was the earliest to contain Moll’s *Map of Virginia and Maryland*. Salmon’s eighth title and possibly his best-known work, *Modern History* has been abridged, continued, and republished over the years. There are only 24 known library holdings for this set in the world, and the Library of Virginia’s copy is a first-edition set.

ADOPT VIRGINIA’S HISTORY

Save a Piece of the Past
Your gift can preserve items in the collections

The Adopt Virginia’s History program supports conservation efforts for items in the Library of Virginia’s collections. The Foundation raises funds to support the Library’s conservation projects through private donations to the Adopt Virginia’s History program by individuals, groups, and member societies, such as the Fry-Jefferson Society, which focuses on map conservation. For more information about this program, please contact Amy Bridge at 804.692.3590 or amy.bridge@lva.virginia.gov. Or go to www.lva.virginia.gov/involved/adopt.asp.

In Need of Conservation and Up for Adoption

*Modern History: or, the Present State of all Nations ...* by Mr. Thomas Salmon; illustrated with cuts and maps accurately drawn according to the geographical part of this work, by Herman Moll

**Genre:** Rare Books with Maps | **Date:** 1739

**Author:** Thomas Salmon | **Illustrator:** Herman Moll

**Description:** This first-edition set of three volumes was the earliest to contain Moll’s *Map of Virginia and Maryland*. The maps within the books were stolen in 1995, recovered by the FBI, and reclaimed by the Library.

**Restoration Needs:** To rebind the three volumes and reattach the 19 loose Herman Moll maps that were originally bound within this three-volume set. Our goal is to restore the volumes to their original state within the next year.

**Total Estimated Conservation Cost:** $5,416
The loose maps have now been cleaned and digitally scanned, and conservation of the volumes is scheduled to begin. The maps will be restored to their original volumes. Since the original bindings are in poor condition, the volumes will be rebound in a similar period style.

Please consider contributing to this unique restoration project. You’ll play an active role in preserving our state’s collective history and also help us maintain the collections as accessible and thriving cultural resources for our visitors. Any amount assists us in this worthwhile endeavor.

As a result of the 1995 theft and the vulnerability of our Special Collections, our current building at 800 E. Broad Street was designed with a more controlled environment that still allows researchers increased access to our diverse collections, both online and in person. Our Special Collections Reading Room (open Monday–Friday, 1:00–4:30 pm) and the collection stacks are located on a secure floor that is inaccessible to visitors without staff escort. We strive to respond to our visitors’ research needs while balancing the needs of the collection.

—Audrey McElhinney, Senior Manuscript, Map, and Rare Book Librarian

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_Broadside_ magazine subscription will become a membership benefit

On behalf of the Board and staff of the Library of Virginia Foundation, I want to thank you for your interest in the Library's magazine, _Broadside_. It is truly a pleasure to bring this informative publication full of historical information and the latest Library offerings to you four times each year.

We would like to make you aware of a change that will be occurring this year. Beginning with the summer issue, only members of the Library's Semper Virginia Society and donors of $50 or more to the Foundation will receive print copies of the magazine in the mail. This change is necessary because of the increasing costs of printing and postage.

If you are a current member of the Semper Virginia Society, or a donor of at least $50, you will continue to receive the print copy of _Broadside_ through the mail. If you are not a member or a donor, and you wish to continue receiving a print copy of _Broadside_, you may become a member or donor by using the envelope inserted in this copy. You may also visit our website at www.lva.virginia.gov/involved/semper.asp or call 804.692.3813 for more information.

Nonmembers will be able to view both the current and past electronic editions of _Broadside_ free of charge at the Library’s website at www.lva.virginia.gov/news/broadside. You can also sign up to receive the Library’s monthly e-newsletter at www.virginia.gov/news/newsletter.

Thank you for your understanding of our situation, and for considering becoming a member of the Library.

Now, more than ever, your financial support is needed to support the Library of Virginia and its important work in archiving and preserving Virginia’s history.

—Amy Bridge, Executive Director

Revolutionary Maps

Fry-Jefferson Map Society Fall Lecture includes map display and treasures from Special Collections

Last October, the Library’s Fry-Jefferson Map Society hosted a lecture for its members entitled “Reading Maps in the Age of the American Revolution,” which focused on the art and science of “mappery”—the making or study of maps—in early America. Speakers Martin Bruckner and Max Edelson discussed maps owned by the Library and described American encounters with popular maps and the practical and symbolic role of map literacy in the age of revolution.

MAPS & BOOKS

The lecture explored the way in which decorative handbooks choreographed the reading experience of maps. (1) In the Special Collections Reading Room, lecture attendees look on as senior manuscript, map, and rare book librarian Audrey McElhinney describes the _American Military Pocket Atlas_ (1776), also known as the Holster atlas, (2) and prints and photographs collection coordinator Dale Neighbors displays the book _The Last Men of the Revolution_ (1864), which contains photographs of seven then-living Revolutionary soldiers. (3) Lecture attendees inspect the details of _A Map of the British and French Dominions in North America_ (2nd ed., 1755–1757) by John Mitchell. New display mounts for oversize maps were designed and built by the Library of Virginia’s conservator, Leslie Courtois.
Membership Has Its Privileges

Through millions of people from across the country and around the world use the Library’s collections for research, the Library is only partially funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Did you know that the Library has a membership program that supplements its programs, events, and exhibitions? Our corps of members provides the support needed to share and enrich the Library’s collections. Membership is tax-deductible and offers many benefits:

- A subscription to *Broadside*, the quarterly magazine of the Library of Virginia
- A one-time, 30% discount at the Virginia Shops each year you renew
- A 10% discount for the remainder of your membership at the Virginia Shop and the Discovery Café
- Discounted tickets for special trips
- Invitations to exclusive members-only programs
- Discounted tickets for fee programming and the Virginia Literary Luncheon during the annual Virginia Literary Festival

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