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Research into jail book collections sparks service project
WCU librarian Jill Ellern and criminal justice faculty member Karen Mason researched library services in rural Western North Carolina jails, and their work inspired an initiative with Fontana Regional Library system to diversify and update book collections in regional detention centers. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU students tie for second in nation for undergraduate research conference
Among the 460 colleges and universities that had student projects accepted for this year’s 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, WCU tied for second place in the total number of projects approved by the NCUR abstract review committee. Seventy WCU student project abstracts were accepted for presentation at the event. … (CONTINUE READING)

Granddaughter of Duke Ellington to visit WCU
The “Echoes of the Cotton Club” spring radio show re-creation at WCU will start preproduction Wednesday, Feb. 26, with a visit to campus by internationally known choreographer and dancer Mercedes Ellington. Ellington will present a free public presentation on Friday, Feb. 28, about her professional life and the work of her grandfather and her father, Mercer Ellington. … (CONTINUE READING)

Radio re-creation to hold open auditions
The “Echoes of the Cotton Club” spring radio show re-creation at WCU will hold open auditions for speaking roles in the radio cast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, in Room 216 of Breese Gym. … (CONTINUE READING)

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Hunter Library names new associate dean
Interdisciplinary scholarship retreat to begin Feb. 28
Billie Jean King documentary to be screened Feb. 27

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“The Vagina Monologues” to stage Feb. 28 and March 1
Catamounts to battle Mountaineers on Feb. 8 at Ramsey Center

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Feb. 12 | Black Heritage Expo (KEYNOTE CANCELED)
Feb. 12-16 | "A Doll's House" (FEB. 12 PERFORMANCE CANCELED)
Feb. 13 | Get Real Get Tested: Rapid HIV Testing
Feb. 13 | Mark Hewitt, Ceramicist (POSTPONED)
Feb. 13 | Get Real Get Tested Speaker
Feb. 13 | "Girl Rising" Screening and Discussion
Feb. 14 | WCU Baseball vs. Ohio
Feb. 14 | WCU Wind Ensemble Concert
Feb. 15 | WCU Baseball vs. Ohio
Feb. 15 | Women's Basketball vs. Elon
Feb. 15 | "Scandal's" Columbus Short (LMP)
Feb. 16 | "A Doll's House"
Feb. 17 | Women's Basketball Vs. UNC Greensboro
Feb. 18 | Concert: Balaton Chamber Brass
Feb. 20 | Artist Reception: Holly Hanessian

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