

# Low Library Monumental Window Replacement and Roof Repairs

August 9, 2021

## **What is Happening**

### *Monumental Window Restoration*

- Beginning August 16, protective shedding and pipe scaffolding will be erected in phases on the interior and exterior of Low Library to facilitate the removal of the monumental window by the West Gallery. Interior scaffolding will be limited to the West Gallery within the Rotunda. Access to the West Gallery from the building's 4th floor will be blocked for the duration of the project.
- The first phase (approximately August 16 to August 24, depending on weather conditions) includes exterior protective shedding, a hoist, and stair tower on the exterior of Low Library at the northwest corner of the building.
- Between approximately August 24 to September 7, interior shedding and pipe scaffolding will be erected over the West Gallery. An additional soundproof barrier will be installed adjacent to the interior scaffolding to minimize construction noise in late September to mid-October.
- The final location of scaffolding will be installed on the exterior of the building at the roof level starting in early September until the end of October.
- The removal of the monumental window will take place following the installation of protective shedding and scaffolding in late October. The window will take approximately three to four months to remove the cast iron window parts.

### *Equipment Removal and Repair/Replacement of Portions of the Roof*

- The removal of the decommissioned mechanical equipment from the roof is anticipated to be complete by the end of this week.
- Abatement at the roof will begin on Tuesday, August 17 and is expected to take approximately two weeks, weather permitting. This work will create intermittent noise.

## **About these Projects**

Facilities and Operations is performing two separate exterior projects at Low Library: one to restore the original historic cast-iron framed monumental arch window on the west side of the Rotunda, and a second to repair and replace a portion of the roof following the removal of mechanical equipment no longer in use.

## **Schedule**

### *Monumental Window Restoration*

The monumental window restoration will be performed in three phases to remove the window, restore it offsite, and reinstall the restored window frame and parts. Work hours for the removal phase will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with some work occurring during overnights between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to reduce disruption to work areas and event spaces. The final project completion is anticipated by end of summer 2022.

### *Equipment Removal and Repair/Replacement of Portions of the Roof*

Regular work hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with work taking place on Saturdays as needed. The roof project is anticipated to be completed in October 2021, weather permitting.

## **For More Information**

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at (212) 854-2222 or e-mail [projx@columbia.edu](mailto:projx@columbia.edu) (emails are responded to during regular business hours).