

Low Library Monumental Window Restoration and Roof Repairs

October 15, 2021

What is Happening

Monumental Window Restoration

- Interior shedding and pipe scaffolding installation over the interior of West Gallery will resume on Monday, October 18 and is anticipated to be complete by end of October.
- A weatherproof barrier will be installed on the exterior of the building at the roof level.
- An additional soundproof barrier will be installed adjacent to the interior scaffolding to minimize construction noise in late October to mid-November.
- The removal of the monumental window will take place in early November following the installation of protective shedding and scaffolding. 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

- Installation of the new roof system is ongoing
- Relocation of mechanical equipment is underway
- Additional dunnage will be removed from the roof through November
- Work will take place this weekend on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What to Expect

- Exterior pipe scaffolding installation work is weather dependent
- Interior shedding and pipe scaffolding installation on West Gallery will be performed until end of October
- The west gate on the Rotunda and the west section under West Gallery will be blocked during interior shedding and interior scaffolding installations
- Expect moderate noise from the installation of pipe scaffolding and other impacts typically associated with construction projects
- Access to the West Gallery from the 4th floor will be blocked for the duration of the project

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 the end of fall 2022, weather permitting.

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 November 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 (emails are responded to during regular business hours).