

Low Library Monumental Window Restoration and Roof Repairs

November 12, 2021

What is Happening

Monumental Window Restoration

- Removal of existing steam pipes under the monumental window in the West Gallery will take place on Wednesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Steam will be shut down during this time.
- Installation of a weatherproof barrier on the exterior of the building at the roof level and additional soundproof barrier adjacent to the interior scaffolding is ongoing. The barriers are anticipated to be complete in late November.
- The removal of the monumental window will take place at the end of November. 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
- Removal of additional dunnage from the roof is ongoing

What to Expect

- The west gate on the Rotunda and the west section under West Gallery will be blocked during the soundproof barrier installation
- Expect intermittent construction noise from the installation of the soundproof barrier and other impacts typically associated with construction projects in the Rotunda
- 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 December 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).