

# Low Library Construction Activities

December 22, 2021

## **What is Happening**

### *Monumental Window Restoration*

- Installation of additional soundproof barrier and banner installation adjacent to the interior scaffolding is ongoing
- Removal of window parts are ongoing

### *Air Handler Unit Replacement*

- The air handler unit servicing rooms 106, 107, and 108 will be shut down on Wednesday, December 22
- Demolition of the air handler unit will begin Thursday, December 23, which will include the cutting of existing metal piping and metal ductwork, and the removal of existing equipment out of the mechanical rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Demolition is anticipated to be completed by Friday, December 24.
- On Monday, December 27, installation of new piping, ductwork and equipment will commence. Work will continue through Friday, January 14, at which time the new equipment is scheduled to be placed online and will be active.

### *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**

- Expect some noise from demolition and other impacts typically associated with construction projects.
- Overhead heating will not be available for rooms 106, 107, and 108 from December 22 at 4pm through January 14; steam radiators will be functional to provide heat
- The west gate on the Rotunda and the west section under West Gallery will be blocked during the soundproof barrier installation
- 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.

*Air Handler Unit Replacement*

Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with weekend work as needed. After-hours work will take place between December 23 to January 14 from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. This project is anticipated to be complete by March 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 replacement is anticipated to be complete in January 2022, and the equipment removal is anticipated to be complete during the first quarter of 2022.

**For More Information**

You can find more information about the [Monumental Window Replacement](#), [Air Handler Unit Replacement](#), and [Roof Repairs](#) on our website at [designconstruct.cufo.columbia.edu](http://designconstruct.cufo.columbia.edu).

If you have any questions or concerns about these projects, 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).