

Low Library Construction Activities

January 14, 2022

What is Happening

Monumental Window Restoration

- Installation of banner adjacent to the interior scaffolding is ongoing
- Removal of window parts is ongoing. The contractor will bring window parts to the ground level via exterior scaffolding/hoist. Window parts will be temporarily stored on the north lawn.

Air Handler Unit Replacement

- New louvers have been installed above the northeastern accessible entrance
- Installation of the new air handler unit will continue through Friday, January 14. New equipment will be turned on and placed in service on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 a.m.
- Work is anticipated to continue through early March to finalize controls and complete project closeout

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 through January 14; steam radiators will be functional to provide heat. The new heating system will be active and on line Tuesday, January 18.
- The west gate on the Rotunda and the west section under West Gallery will be blocked during the banner 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.

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 (emails are responded to during regular business hours).