

# Low Library Construction Activities

March 11, 2022

## **What is Happening**

### *Monumental Window Restoration*

- Removal of window parts is ongoing. The contractor will bring window parts to the ground level via exterior scaffolding/hoist.

### *Air Handler Unit Replacement*

- Final testing and commissioning are ongoing
- The new air handler unit will be placed in operation upon completion of final testing, commissioning, and startup procedures
- Work is anticipated to continue through end of March to complete the project closeout.

### *Equipment Removal on the Roof*

- Relocation of mechanical equipment is underway
- Removal of additional dunnage from the roof is ongoing

### *Exterior Pathway Work*

- Pathway repairs will be taking place at three different locations around Low Library over spring break to create more even walkways.
  - Repairs are being performed on the adjacent pathway of the northeast entrance of Low Library to replace brick pavers and install a new granite curb.
  - The pathway between Dodge and Kent Halls behind Alma Mater will be repaired to minimize gaps in between bricks.
  - The walkway by the west fountain on Low Plaza will be repaired to address isolated cracking and spalling concrete, and will include demolition and the pouring of new concrete.

## **What to Expect**

- Expect some noise and other impacts typically associated with construction projects
- The northeast entrance will be periodically closed during the weekends of March 12/13 and 19/20 to allow for adjacent repairs to the ramp. Please call Public Safety at (212) 854-2797 if assistance is needed.
- Overhead heating will not be available for rooms 106, 107, and 108; steam radiators will be functional to provide heat. The new heating system will be placed in manual operation on an as-needed basis until automatic controls and programming are completed. Please contact your supervisor regarding any space temperature concerns.
- 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. 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. This project is anticipated to be completed by end of March 2022.

### *Equipment Removal on 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 equipment removal is anticipated to be complete during the first quarter of 2022.

### *Pathway Work*

Regular work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. These projects are anticipated to be complete on or around March 20.

## **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).