

Low Library Construction Activities

May 27, 2022

What is Happening

Monumental Window Restoration

- On-site window restoration is ongoing. The contractor will bring window parts to the ground level via exterior scaffolding/hoist.

Roof Repairs and Equipment Removal

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

Low Steps Restoration

- Removal of granite treads (steps) leading to the building entrance is underway.
- Treads are being transported to Lewisohn Lawn where the rough bottoms will be cut flat.
- Once the treads are removed, the existing brick piers behind Alma Mater will be removed using chipping guns and demolition hammers.
- Debris will be carted off site to the Grove.

Air Conditioner Replacements in Rooms 112A and 112B

- Beginning the evening of Sunday, June 12, work will commence to replace two air conditioner units in offices 112A and 112B. Work will continue through Tuesday, June 14.
- During this these times the affected spaces will be completely vacated. Contractors will work in each space to install new ductwork in the ceiling, remove existing air conditioning units, and install new units. The spaces will be ready for re-occupancy on Wednesday, June 15.
- Work will continue after this initial period during normal hours for approximately 2-3 weeks.

What to Expect

- Expect some noise 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 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.

Roof Repairs and Equipment Removal

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 second quarter of 2022.

Low Steps Restoration

Work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, including weekends. This project is expected to be complete in late August 2022.

Air Conditioner Replacements in Rooms 112A and 112B

The replacement of the units will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14. The new air conditioners will be in manual operation by Tuesday, June 14. Work will continue with controls and remaining closeout work for approximately 2-3 weeks. During that time work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with minimal to no noise or disruptive construction.

For More Information

You can find more information about the [Monumental Window Replacement](#), [Roof Repairs](#), and [Low Steps Restoration](#) 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).