

Low Library Construction Activities

June 17, 2022

What is Happening

Monumental Window Restoration

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

Roof Repairs and Equipment Removal

- Relocation of mechanical equipment is underway.
- Installation of new dunnage on the north roof area

Low Steps Restoration

- Completion of structural supports for existing steel members
- Waterproofing of the basement roof
- Removal of bricks and filling behind Alma Mater
- Installation of electric conduits and boxes
- Installation of filter fabric and gravel
- Preparations for concrete slab

Air Conditioner Replacements in Rooms 112A and 112B

- The first phase of the air conditioner units replacement project has been completed. The existing units have been removed, and new ductwork and AC units are installed and operating in manual mode. The spaces have been cleaned and are ready to be re-occupied on Friday, June 17.
- Work will continue after this initial period during normal hours for approximately 2-3 weeks. Any noisy or disruptive work will be performed after normal hours.

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 and relocation is anticipated to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

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 first phase has been completed. 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. Any noisy or disruptive work will be performed after normal hours.

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).