

Low Library Construction Activities

June 24, 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

- The reconstruction of the brick pathway and associated drainage improvements in front of Low Library are extending west beyond the flagpole to the path toward Dodge Hall.
- Preparations for a concrete pour
- Laying gravel down to create an even walkway
- A concrete slab will be poured from Alma Mater to Lewisohn Hall

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 reoccupied.
- Work will continue during normal hours for approximately 2 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.
- The north-south pathway leading to the west side of Low Library is closed at Dodge Plaza. Pedestrian traffic seeking to travel north-south will need to detour using the paths adjacent to Dodge Hall, Lewisohn Hall, and Earl Hall. A temporary ramp has been installed at the steps in front of Dodge Hall to facilitate disability access for this detour.

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 weeks. During that time work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 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).