

Update on Facilities Projects and Space Planning in the University Libraries

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The following is a summary of current and pending facilities projects in the University Libraries.

- **Hitt Street Steam Tunnel Project** – The Hitt Street Steam Tunnel Project will begin on Monday, May 17, 2021 and is expected to finish at the end of July. The Ellis Library loading dock will be closed during that time. Deliveries to the Libraries will occur at the East entrance (formerly State Historical Society entrance) of Ellis Library. The dumpsters, recycling containers and newspaper holder will be moved as well.
- **Contactless Lockers in Ellis Library and Health Sciences Library** – The Libraries will be receiving the new contactless lockers in the Ellis Library West Entrance Vestibule and the Medical Complex on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The installation and implementation will follow quickly. Also, the Libraries recently installed day-use lockers with power outlets in the Ellis Library first floor vestibule for student use.
- **Museum of Art & Archeology and Museum of Anthropology** – The Student Unions will be moving the furniture and other equipment out of the temporary classrooms on the Ground Floor of Ellis Library during the week of May 17-21. The renovation work for the Museum of Art & Archeology and the Museum of Anthropology will begin this summer. The Museums will be moving their stored items over to Ellis beginning in August. The Museums are tentatively scheduled to reopen in January 2022.
- **University Archives Move and Renovation of Spaces** – University Archives will be moving from their spaces in Lewis and Clark Halls to the 4th floor of Ellis Library. In order to accommodate the Archives' materials and staff, the following renovations in Ellis Library will occur: 1) Room 4D12 (currently a quiet computing space) will become storage for Archives' materials; 2) Rooms 4F41A and 4F41B will be merged and become a scanning area; 3) Room 4F51A (currently a conference room) will become an Archives work room; and 4) Room 4F51B will become Anselm Huelsbergen's office. The rest of Archives' employees will be housed with the Special Collections employees in 4 West. The renovation work will begin the week of May 17 and is scheduled to finish by the end of August.
- **Quiet Computing Space in Room 114, Ellis Library** – The computers currently located in Room 4D12 will be moved to the large tables in Room 114 on Friday, May 14.
- **Ellis Library Windows and Masonry Project** – The University will be repairing and/or replacing the remaining windows and masonry in Ellis Library along the North, East, and South walls of the 1958 addition. This project excludes the 1987 addition. This project is in the planning stages and is expected to take a whole year to complete.
- **Fire Alarm Upgrades in Ellis Library** – Planning for the Ellis Library fire alarm upgrades has begun. No additional details or timelines are available at this time.

- **Public Spaces in Ellis Library** – Due to continued social distancing guidelines, most furniture in the Libraries must remain in storage. Because of the construction projects in Ellis Library, the larger furniture pieces in the Bookmark Café and the benches on the Ground Floor will be placed back on the floor. They will be cordoned off to meet social distancing standards, as needed. The former faculty offices on the second and third floors will continue to be used as reservable study rooms. The office doors will be re-hung this summer, but the frosted glass will be replaced with clear glass. The West Stacks and graduate study carrels will remain closed to the public.
- **Columbia Missourian Library** – Lee Hills Hall, the recent location of the Columbia Missourian Library, will be renovated this summer to accommodate the convergence of all journalism media outlets into one newsroom. This realignment will necessitate the closure of the Columbia Missourian Library in that space. The Columbia Missourian library and the Journalism Library have consolidated into one library in the Reynolds Journalism Institute.
- **New HSL Entrance Doors** – New entrance doors to the Health Sciences Library have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed in the first two weeks of June.

Space planning continues for the Health Sciences Library. The following describes the current situation and planning.

- School of Medicine is doing a study of 1st and 3rd floors to determine how to accommodate multiple stakeholders. A meeting with OME representatives is scheduled to discuss impact on students.
- We have identified temporary storage space for HSL first floor collection in newly assigned collections swing space on the ground floor of Ellis Library. Chris Pryor and I continue to work on costs and logistics with Kathy Peters and Corrie Hutchinson to move the collection.
- Offices on 3rd floor are being vacated to accommodate Dr. McIntosh and the EFCC team, date of completion estimated as 6/15/21.

Space master planning is currently on hold, but hopefully not for too long. We have completed the space survey for users, with review by the Library Committee and our Libraries Assessment Committee, and it is up on our website. In the fall, we will promote it to users and seek input from users as a part of the master planning process. We hope to continue master planning as soon as possible. The survey resides on a web page that was created for making our space-related reports (Shepley-Bulfinch visioning master plan, the PGAV Feasibility Study, and the Students' Library Visioning Report) available to the public at: <https://library.missouri.edu/about/spaceplan/>.

We have submitted a letter of intent to complete a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities matching funds for the renovation of the West Stacks. Construction costs are estimated at \$1.2 million. We will be applying for \$500,000 to match \$1.5 million in newly raised funds for the project. The gap funding of about \$250,000 has already been raised and set aside for this purpose. The proposal is due in September. This renovation will bring the area up to modern stack climate standards.