

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.

- **Pickup Lockers in Ellis Library and Health Sciences Library** – The Libraries installed new pickup lockers for remote check-out in the Ellis Library West Entrance Vestibule and the School of Medicine Building over the summer. Implementation required extensive troubleshooting, and they are now in soft-launch phase. In May, Ellis Library installed day-use lockers with power outlets in the first-floor elevator lobby, and they are now in use. Anyone with a student ID may use them free of charge.
- **Public Spaces in Ellis Library** – Most of the public spaces in Ellis Library have been returned to pre-pandemic use. The former faculty offices (22) on the second and third floors will continue to be used as reservable study rooms. The office doors were re-hung this summer, with the frosted glass replaced with clear glass. The West Stacks are now open to the public. The graduate study carrels will remain closed, since they will be removed as part of the current windows, masonry and upgrades project. Room 115, formerly DigiPrint, is now a lounge-style leisure reading room. Group study spaces with COVID-appropriate distancing have been created in Rooms 114 and 114A.
- **Furniture Restoration in Ellis Library** – The Libraries refinished 537 wooden chairs and 78 wooden study carrels located on the second and third floors of Ellis Library. The Libraries also padded and upholstered 60 chairs and added them to the first and third floors of Ellis.
- **Computing Space in Room 114, Ellis Library** – The computers formerly located in Room 4D12 have been moved to the large tables in Room 114.
- **Technology Upgrades in Group Study Rooms** – Technology was added to Ellis group study rooms 151E, 151F, 151G, 2E21, 3D61, 3G61, 3G62, 4B12 and the Health Sciences Library rooms 306, 309 and 324. Each room has a 70" display and equipment which allows students to wirelessly share content from their laptops, tablets, or phones to the display, encouraging more robust collaboration. The technology in the rooms mirrors that in the Trulaske School of Business and the Missouri Unions, so that students can smoothly transition from one area of campus to the next without having to interact with a different system.
- **Museum of Art & Archeology and Museum of Anthropology** – The Museums are now moving into the Ground Floor of Ellis Library. We are in the planning stages of relocating some Museum pieces into selected locations in Ellis Library. The Museums plan to reopen to the public in Spring/Summer 2022.
- **University Archives Move and Renovation of Spaces** – University Archives vacated storage spaces in Lewis and Clark Halls and relocated them to spaces in Ellis Library and the Libraries Depository. Archives Offices are scheduled to be moved into Ellis Library in November, 2021. In order to accommodate the Archives' materials and staff, the following renovations in Ellis Library have been completed: 1) Room 4D12 (formerly a quiet computing space) is now storage

for Archives' materials; 2) Rooms 4F41A and 4F41B have been merged to create a scanning area; 3) Room 4F51A (formerly a conference room) has become an Archives work room. Room 4F51B will become Anselm Huelsbergen's office. The rest of Archives' employees will be housed with the Special Collections employees in 4 West.

- **Hitt Street Steam Tunnel Project** – The Hitt Street Steam Tunnel Project began on May 17, 2021 and is scheduled for completion on Friday, October 8. The Ellis Library loading dock re-opened in late September. The dumpsters and recycling containers have been returned to their original location. The newspaper holder will be relocated as soon as a new guard rail arrives and is installed.
- **Ellis Library Windows, Masonry, and Upgrades Project** – The University is currently 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. The graduate study carrels in the West Stacks will be removed in advance of the planned stacks renovation. The current project is expected to be completed in May 2022.
- **West Stacks Renovation Project** – The Libraries have submitted a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities, requesting matching funds for the renovation of the West Stacks. Construction costs are estimated at \$2 million. We will be applying for \$500,000 to match \$1.5 million in newly raised funds for the project. We expect to need gap funding of about \$250,000 that has already been raised and set aside for this purpose. The proposal will be reviewed over the coming months, and we will be informed next spring regarding its status. This renovation will bring the area up to modern stack climate standards.
- **Fire Alarm Upgrades in Ellis Library** – The Ellis Library fire alarm system upgrades have begun. This project will continue through Spring Semester 2022.
- **Ellis Auditorium Renovation** – Ellis Auditorium is undergoing an extensive renovation this fall with new flooring, new fully-wired seats, and upgraded technology being added for classroom use. The auditorium is scheduled to be completed by mid-January and ready for classes by Spring Semester 2022.
- **Columbia Missourian Library** – The Columbia Missourian Library was combined with the Journalism Library in the Reynolds Journalism Institute last May, to accommodate the convergence of all journalism media outlets into one newsroom in Lee Hills Hall.
- **Health Sciences Library Renovation** – This project includes reassigning library spaces on first and third floors to School of Medicine offices, and repurposing spaces on second floor to create new and inviting library spaces. New entrance doors to the Health Sciences Library have already been received, and they will be installed as the Health Sciences Library is renovated. Materials from first and third floors of the HSL have been either relocated to the UMLD, withdrawn due to duplication, or relocated to the HSL second floor. It is anticipated that the HSL will need to close for some portion of the renovation work.

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, the Libraries Assessment Committee, and the

Campus Space Planning Committee, and it is up on our website. We are beginning to 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/>.