Building Projects: Main Library Redevelopment Update

Brief description of the paper
This is one of a regular series of updates on the Main Library redevelopment.

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For information

Resource implications
Does the paper have resource implications?
Yes, the Main Library redevelopment is a major University capital project.

Risk Assessment
Does the paper include a risk analysis? No, but a risk register is maintained for the project.

Equality and Diversity
Does the paper have equality and diversity implications? No

Freedom of Information
Can this paper be included in open business? Yes

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Main Library Redevelopment Project

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Floor 1

Work is almost complete in the area for current journals and new books. This area, adjacent to the Gallery over the front door, will allow users to browse amongst the most recently received books and journals. The books may also be borrowed. We will be very pleased to receive comments on this new service.

Floor 3 construction

Work continues on the redevelopment of Floor 3. There will be study space and the remainder of the Library of Congress book collection on this floor. Student Services are finalising the details of the layouts of the new Careers Service, Student Counselling, and Disability Office.

The floor is expected to open mid-June 2011.

Library Research Annexe

The fit out work for the extension to the Library Research Annexe is well underway, and is expected to be complete in January 2011. Moves of library materials, including print journal with digital equivalents in science and medicine and lesser used Dewey books, will move to the Annexe during the Easter vacation.

Library liaison teams are continuing to work with the Colleges to ensure that the most appropriate material is relocated to this space. Work is also continuing on developing the service, which will be tested during the spring.

Updates will be available on the Main Library Redevelopment Project website.

Planning for Floor 4 & the Lower Ground Floor

Following extensive discussions between academics, student representatives and senior University staff, the Main Library Strategic Project Board have agreed to a redesign of the layout of Floor 4. Rather than accommodating staff and some books and study, the floor will now be entirely dedicated to books and study space. Most staff previously expected to be accommodated on this floor will now be located on the Lower Ground Floor in the final phase of the project.

It is expected that this redesign of Floor 4 will allow the Library to accommodate an additional 600 study spaces, and nearly 8,000 linear metres of shelving.

The redesign of the Lower Ground Floor should accommodate over 2,000 linear metres of shelving for general collections. It will also accommodate some of the Library’s Special Collections.

During an interim period, when the Lower Ground Floor works are being completed, some staff will be decanted to a space on Floor 4. This area will be screened off, and will be available as study space after the project completion.
Further information

Throughout redevelopment work, there are weekly construction updates and news articles available on the MLRP website – [www.ed.ac.uk/is/mlrp](http://www.ed.ac.uk/is/mlrp). You can subscribe to these through the RSS feed. We are also now using Twitter – follow us, EdinUniMainLib. Plasma screens in the Library are also updated weekly.

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