Main Library Redevelopment update

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

Action requested
For information

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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Spring/Summer Book and Journal Moves

The first of the book moves to allow the population of Floor 3 and the clearance of Floor 4 began on Monday 28th March 2011, Crown Relocations have been appointed to carry out a number of book and journals moves to the newly opened Library Annexe at South Gyle. The current moves have been scheduled to take place during the Spring vacation to minimise disruption and should be completed by Thursday 14th April prior to the start of the exam period on April 18th.

Approximately 4,800 linear metres of Dewey books will be moved during the Easter moves, alongside approximately 3,200 linear metres of journals. For full details of the on-going Dewey Book and Journals moves please refer to a recent news article on the MLRP website http://tinyurl.com/6b3edcy.

The subsequent summer phase of book moves will commence on Tuesday 31st May, prior to the completion of Floor 3 on Friday 10th June. The summer moves will see approximately 11,500 linear metres moved from Floor 4 to Floor 3 and the Lower Ground Floor.

Please see below a summary of the main Spring/Summer 2011 Move Dates.

During the book moves there will be unavoidable periods when books will be publicly inaccessible; a request service will be run during such times, details of which will be published in due course.

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Floor 4 – Clearance and Commencement of Construction Work

The design of Floor 4 has now been signed off and plans are being made for this floor to be cleared during the summer months (see section above for details of book moves). This floor will house 600 study spaces, and nearly 8,000 linear metres of shelving, construction work is due to commence July 2011.

During the upcoming exam period additional study spaces will be accommodated in areas of the 4th floor that will have been previous cleared of books.

Opening of Library Annexe

The new Library Annexe has now been established and a delivery service will be launched on Monday 18th April. The Library Annexe is located at South Gyle Industrial Estate and it will provide additional storage capacity for library material.

General Collections Material relocated to the Library Annexe includes:
- Lesser Used monographs
- Journals with current electronic subscriptions
- Existing reference material
- Material from Site Libraries

In addition, the Library Annexe houses lesser used Special Collections material, University Archives and Lothian Health Services Archives. All Special Collections material is stored under environmentally controlled conditions.

From 18th April material will be delivered to the Main Library and other library sites on request, twice daily deliveries will be made during the working week. Requests can also be made for electronic deliveries of book and journal scans to be sent direct to user’s desktops.

For more details of the new Library Annexe service see section on IS web site.

Floor 3 Summer Opening

Floor 3 is due for completion on Friday 10th June and public access will be available as soon as all book moves have been completed. The intended opening date of Floor 3 is currently set at Monday 4th July. Please refer to the Spring Summer book moves as above for a full schedule of move dates.

Floor 3 will house Library of Congress lending collection sections P-Z, presently housed on Floor 4, the East Asian Collection, the Serjeant and Watt and the Centre for African Studies Collection. There will be approximately 90 PCs and in excess of 200 additional study spaces on Floor 3.

Student Services Move to Main Library

Student Services, which encompasses the Careers Service, Student Counselling and the Disability Office, will be moving into Floor 3 during the summer months and work is ongoing with both the move managers and the Main Library facilities team. It is envisaged that Student Services will open in their new location on August 1st. All service teams will ensure continuity of services during the moves and each service area will ensure on-going publicity to inform users of any potential disruption during the move period.
Student Counselling will move into the Main Library w/c Monday 20th June and Careers and Disability will move w/c Monday 18th July.

Lower Ground Floor Planning and Design

Discussion is under way regarding the layout and design of the lower ground floor and it is hoped that the final design will be ready for sign off in the next few months. Around 170 IS staff members will be accommodated on this floor. Two book stores have currently been identified for the lower ground floor however a decision has yet to be reached as to whether or not these spaces will be closed access or public access. The floor will also house the Strong Room, redesignated as a store for special collections and objects such as artworks.

On-going Facilities and Services Issues

The Main Library Redevelopment Project Team are aware that there are a number of on-going facilities and services issues in the Main Library and continuing efforts are being made to address these.

Problems with the accessible toilets on the ground floor have been resolved and a sample new door and fixings have been trialled for a one month period; following which approval has been given from both the Disabilities Office and the IS Disabilities Officer. The next stage is the roll out of the newly approved doors to the rest of the Main Library.

Discussions over the problems with the main entrance are still on-going between the University Estates and Buildings team and the manufacturers. It is hoped that a resolution will be reached shortly in order to allow the necessary maintenance work to be carried out.

Further information

Throughout redevelopment work, we will keep you up to date with progress and regular construction updates are available on the MLRP website - www.ed.ac.uk/is/mlrp. We are also now using Twitter – follow us, EdinUniMainLib. Plasma screens in the Library are also updated regularly.

If you have any queries, please contact mlrp@ed.ac.uk.

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