Schulich Library Open Forum
Feb. 22, 2019
12:00 to 1:30

Temporary Closure & Renovation of the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering
Welcome

McGill Library

- Colleen Cook, Trenholme Dean of Libraries
- Diane Koen, Sr. Director, Planning and Resources

With colleagues from STEM Faculties,
Facilities Management and Ancillary Services (FMAS),
and McGill Campus Planning
Open Forum Programme

- Introduction – Colleen Cook
- Overview, timeline, and path forward – Diane Koen
- Q&A
Macdonald-Stewart Library Building

- Built in 1893. From 1898-1907 Ernest Rutherford conducted the research that led to his Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908.

- Renovated in 1982, and reopened as the Science and Engineering Library.

- In 2013, the library became the center of scientific information on the downtown campus, when the Life Sciences Library merged with the Schulich Library.
Historic Schulich
Heritage Building requires major repairs

- The Schulich Library will be closed for roughly two years to address:
  - Severe structural repairs
  - Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) replacement
  - Major washroom expansion
  - Building code compliance
  - Refurbishment to meet library needs of 21st century

- Two-year $38M project (Funded primarily by the Government of Quebec)

- Scheduled to reopen Fall 2021
Schulich Reconstruction: Decision Timeline

- **2012-2013**: Roof replaced
- **2013-2014**: Engineers discover serious issues
- **2014-2016**: Major intervention
- **Late 2018**: Funding secured for reconstruction
- **2019-2021**: 2-year reconstruction project
Masonry, structural evaluation & interim repair work began in 2014. We expected to be able to stay open while work took place around us.

Realized in 2018 that the scope of work would be too extensive. Keeping the building open would have doubled the construction time, and dramatically increased the cost.

Working and studying in the midst of a construction zone would have been untenable. Masonry drilling and construction noise would be severe (staff and students).

Inherent health and safety concerns in navigating the construction site.
The Library’s mission is to ensure all our students, including STEM students, have a quality library experience.

This means accessible (staffed) study space for quiet, safe, and secure individual/group work; as well as access to the physical print and reserve collections and online resources.
Schulich Library: Usage Statistics

- Schulich is a very busy library.

- Census Day results (Nov. 19, 2018)

  Students from the faculties of Science, Engineering, and Medicine used all branches on Census Day, not just Schulich.

  49% of Science student visits were to the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (HSSL).

  70% of Engineering student visits were to Schulich.

  53% of Medicine student visits were to HSSL.
The Schulich Library will close for two years beginning on May 15, 2019.

- Services, staff, and collections will move to HSSL.
- 20 librarians and library assistants will relocate to HSSL to serve our students, faculty and researchers.
160,000 volume Schulich collection will move to Redpath.

- Relocate 250,000 volumes of very low use material to offsite “Dark Storage” from the Redpath Basement.
- ILL will source any requests from this collection.

Schulich Reserve Collection will be integrated into the Self-Serve Reserve Room in McLennan.
Schulich Integration Strategy

- Redpath basement floor will now host:
  - Schulich collection
  - Osler Circulating Collection

- Will be open for browsing and retrieval by the community.

- Catalogue and signage updated.
Schulich Integration Strategy

- Student seating:
  - Relocate 675 of the 813 seats to McLennan-Redpath Complex
    - Redpath 2nd floor - 395 seats
    - McLennan 2nd floor – 210 seats
    - Redpath 3rd floor – 20 seats
    - McLennan main reading room – 20 seats
    - Nooks and crannies throughout McLennan – 30 seats

- In order to make this space available for student seating, we are moving 63 Collection Services and Digital Initiatives staff off the 2nd floor of Redpath to office space at 550 Sherbrooke Street.
Extended hours & more available space 24/7

- September 2019 and January 2020: open until 2:00 am
- 24/7 for the remainder of both terms!

- Expanded security.

- Funded by the SSMU and AUS Library Improvement Fund.
Expanded Access

- Access to **42 group study rooms**, with the addition of **16 bookable rooms** on the 2nd floor of Redpath.
- **288 Carrel Desks** dedicated to graduate students & undergraduate honours students writing theses.
- **53 PHD Rooms** with 149 desks, and a dedicated **36 seat PHD Room**.
### Project Timeline

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<td><strong>May 15 – August 1, 2019</strong></td>
<td>Collections move.</td>
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<td><strong>June 2019</strong></td>
<td>Schulich librarians/staff move to HSSL. 2nd floor Redpath staff move offsite.</td>
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<td><strong>August – September 2019</strong></td>
<td>675 Schulich study desks move to HSSL.</td>
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<td>HSSL ready for Schulich Library users.</td>
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<td><strong>Fall 2021</strong></td>
<td>Projected reopening of Schulich Library.</td>
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For more information...

- Schulich Temporary Closure & Renovation
Construction information

- Construction projects: Macdonald-Stewart Library Building
2019 Spring-Summer Collection Relocation Project
https://www.mcgill.ca/library/collections-move-project

Project Summary
The Schulich Library Collection will need to be relocated due to the temporary, two-year closure and renovation of the Macdonald-Stewart Library Building. To make room for STEM materials, the CJK Collection, Map Collection and other items will be shifted within the McIvor-McLennan-Redpath Complex. Low circulating materials will move to dark storage.
A whole new look...
Streamlined Architecture
Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Your questions and ideas are welcomed and appreciated.
Let us know what you need!

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