

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



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Welcome

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- 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

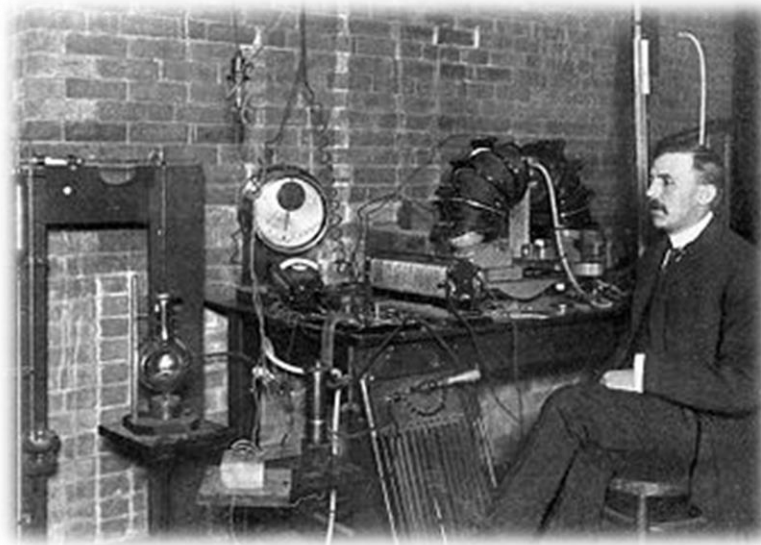
Open Forum Programme

- 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



Macdonald Physics Building, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.—91.



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

“Why not stay open during the construction?”

- 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.

Mission

- 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 Way Forward: Integration Strategy

- 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.



Schulich Integration Strategy - Collections

- 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

Timeline	Affected Areas
May 15, 2019	Schulich Library closes.
May 15 – August 1, 2019	Collections move.
June 2019	Schulich librarians/staff move to HSSL. 2 nd floor Redpath staff move offsite.
August – September 2019	675 Schulich study desks move to HSSL. HSSL ready for Schulich Library users.
Fall 2021	Projected reopening of Schulich Library.

For more information...

- Schulich Temporary Closure & Renovation

<https://mcgill.ca/library/branches/schulich/renovation-schulich-library-physical-sciences-life-sciences-and-engineering>

The screenshot shows the McGill Library website. At the top is the McGill logo and the text 'McGill Library Everything you need.' with a search bar. Below is a navigation bar with links: Find information, Services, Branches (selected), About, and Contact. The breadcrumb trail reads: McGill.CA / MCGILL LIBRARY / Branches / Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering.


On the left, a sidebar for the 'Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering' lists links: About, After-hours access, Affiliated hospital access to McGill e-resources, Schulich Storage, Virtual tour, and Staff.

The main content area has the title 'Renovation and Temporary Closure of Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering'. Below the title is a paragraph: 'The Macdonald-Stewart Library Building will undergo significant structural repairs and major internal upgrades over the next three years, beginning spring 2019.' This is followed by a photograph of the building under renovation, showing extensive scaffolding.

Below the photo is the section 'Project description' with the text: 'The Macdonald-Stewart Library Building, which houses the Schulich Library of'. To the right of the photo is a 'Related links' section with two links: 'Schulich Library to close for major renovation work' and 'Open Forum | Temporary Closure & Renovation of the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering'. Below that is a 'Feedback & questions' section with two links: 'For construction related queries: McGill Facilities construction projects' and 'For feedback related to library services or'.

Construction information

- Construction projects: Macdonald-Stewart Library Building
<https://www.mcgill.ca/construction/exterior/building-envelope/macdonald-stewart-library-building>



Construction projects

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Home

Exterior

Main road

Leacock Terrace (west and south)

Bronfman Building

McTavish Gates

Roddick Gates

Leacock Terrace (east)

Building envelope

Macdonald-Stewart Library Building

Education Building

Macdonald Engineering Building

Macdonald-Harrington Building


New emergency power facility

Interior (major projects)

Macdonald-Stewart Library Building

Start: August 2019

End: August 2021



The Macdonald-Stewart Library Building, which houses the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering, needs significant structural repairs and major internal upgrades. This project includes stabilization of the stone structure, foundation waterproofing, window replacement, washroom expansion and the installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

The Library Building will be closed for two years and staff and student spaces relocated during the construction project. The renovated building will feature more study and work spaces, increased accessibility, more washrooms and new flooring, ceilings and lights.

Collection move information

- 2019 Spring-Summer Collection Relocation Project
<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/collections-move-project>

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2019 Spring-Summer Collection Relocation Project



Related links

- [Schulich Library to close temporarily for major renovation work](#)

Feedback & questions

- For feedback related to library services or resources: [McGill Library inquiries](#)

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 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.



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