

# Memorandum

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**TO:** Senate

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**SUBJECT:** McGill University Library Update

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**ACTION REQUIRED:** ☒ INFORMATION ☐ APPROVAL/DECISION

<b>ISSUE</b>	An update on the McGill University Library is presented for information.
<b>BACKGROUND &amp; RATIONALE</b>	<p>The Trenholme Dean of Libraries will present an overview of major Library projects including: Fiat Lux Library Building Project; Collection Management Facility Project; upcoming upgrade and migration of the Library's knowledge management infrastructure; status of the Osler Library of the History of Medicine; and the renovation and two-year closure of the Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering.</p> <p>These large projects will impact users in different ways and the presentation will expand on plans to mitigate issues arising from these changes.</p>
<b>PRIOR CONSULTATION</b>	The Library has been working with numerous units on campus including student groups, Campus Planning and Development Office, Facilities Management and Ancillary Services (FMAS), University Advancement, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the Principal to gather feedback and outline next steps in all cases.
<b>SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS</b>	The Library has been working with FMAS, Campus Planning and architects to assess the sustainability implications associated with all the building projects.
<b>IMPACT OF DECISION AND NEXT STEPS</b>	Communications strategies are in place or being developed for all initiatives.
<b>MOTION OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL</b>	N/A
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A: McGill University Library Update – Presentation



# McGill University Library Update

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# Fiat Lux Building Project

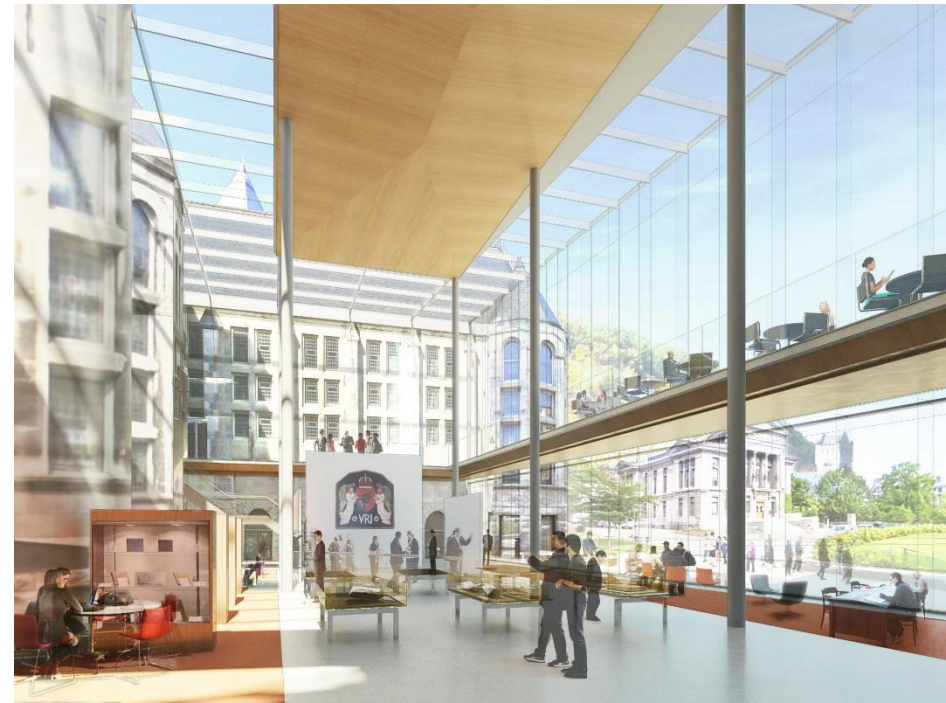
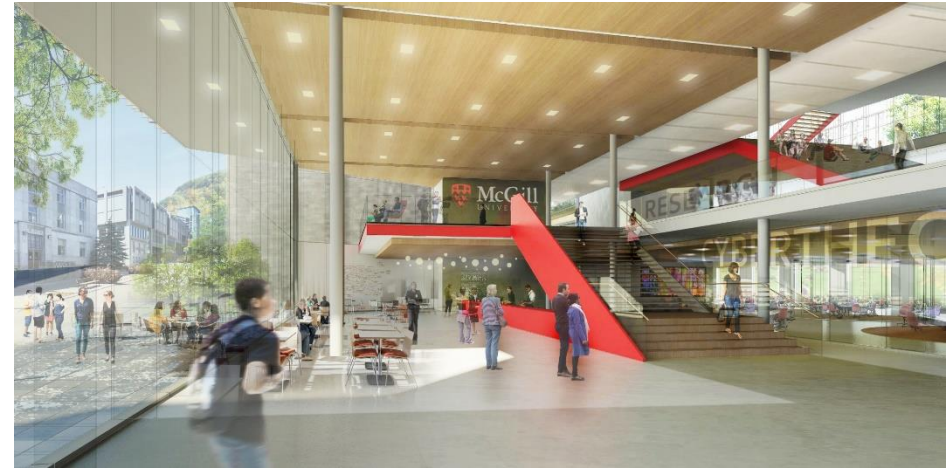
- Bold vision to transform the Library
- Virtual and on-site programming to support research & learning
- Double seating capacity: from 10% of the student body to 20%
- \$115M project
- Substantial philanthropic support
- Signature donor \$35M





# Fiat Lux Building Project (cont'd)

- Consultation exercise to update master plan & inform architects begins spring 2019
- Tender process for architect begins summer 2019
- Stakeholder input: Steering & Consultation Committees
- Groundbreaking scheduled for late 2021/early 2022
- Phased implementation: McLennan open during Redpath reconstruction



# Collection Management Facility

- 2.8M volumes
- \$25M funding
- Tender process begins spring 2019
- “Design Build” model
- Ready in 18 months
- Two deliveries per day





# Schulich Library

- Closed for significant structural repairs mid-May 2019 to summer 2021
- \$38M funding from provincial government & deferred maintenance
- Relocating 675 of 850 seats to McLennan-Redpath
- Schulich staff & collections relocated to McLennan-Redpath



# Osler Library

- Fire at McIntyre July 13, 2018
- Significant water damage in Osler
- 110,000 books removed
- Books freeze-dried & deodorized when necessary
- Osler Room “pre-1840” rare materials not affected
- Five month recovery effort
- Osler collections & services now available at Rare Books & Special Collections





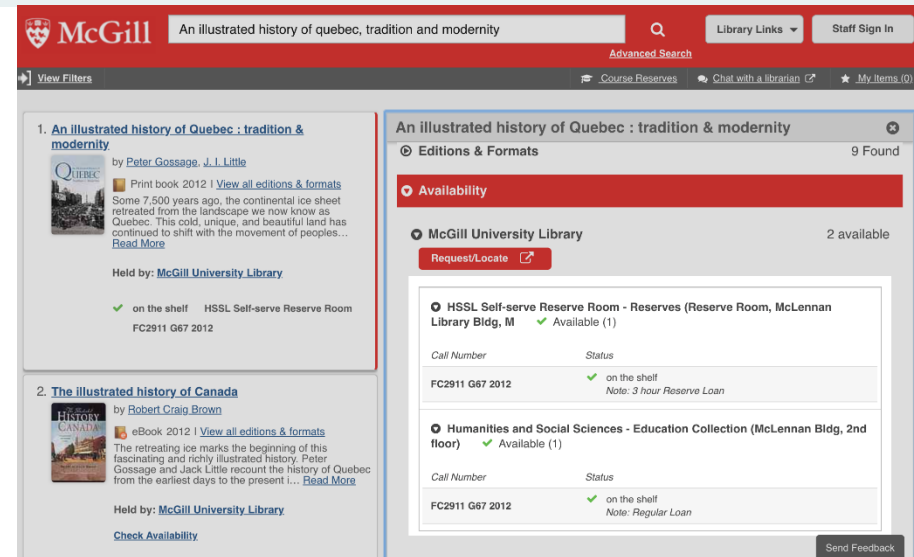
## Osler Library (cont'd)

- Damage to Osler Library space extensive
- Facilities Management & Ancillary Services (FMAS) evaluating structure
- Team effort to safeguard collection and provide access
- Goal is to restore Osler Library to pre-fire conditions



# WorldShare Migration

- Current library management system outdated
- New system integrates print, e-resources & other media into one searchable database
- Phase 1: Online catalogue upgraded summer 2018
- Phase 2: Upgrade two modules – circulation & acquisitions
- Phase 3: Call number browsing feature available end of 2019
- New system to replace current one May 1, 2019



## For more information

- Fiat Lux Building Project: <https://mcgill.ca/library/about/fiat-lux>
- Schulich closure & renovation:  
<https://mcgill.ca/library/branches/schulich/renovation-schulich-library-physical-sciences-life-sciences-and-engineering>
- Osler closure & renovation:  
<https://www.mcgill.ca/library/channels/news/update-3-osler-library-history-medicine-292499>
- WorldCat Discovery: <https://mcgill.ca/library/discovery>