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Library Resources

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Library Collections Shifted. Office Construction Begins.

What a difference a month makes. Since the December newsletter, periodicals have been sent to the Minnesota Library Access Center, book collections have been shifted, and construction of office space for the staffs of MnSCU/PALS, MnSCU Campus Service Unit, and Information and Technology Services has begun.

As explained in the October 2000 newsletter, older volumes of approximately 500 periodical titles were sent to the Access Center at the University of Minnesota. In the PALS catalog, the location line for such journals reads "Minn Lib Access Ctr--Minneapolis." When holdings are displayed, the area/floor listed is "OFF SITE." For titles with some volumes remaining at MSU and older issues at the Access Center, two location lines are used, with the MSU call number noted. The holdings information indicates which years are available here. Copies of articles from Access Center volumes may be requested through interlibrary loan.

In addition to the removal of these periodicals, the entire book collection with call letters F through Z was shifted in order to vacate the area of the third floor designated for offices. Beltmann Group completed these moves during the December interim. Maps on the other side of this newsletter show the new configurations of the eastern side of second floor and the entire third floor.

Study carrels on second floor were removed for the installation of additional shelving. Books with call letters F through L were shifted so that books with location numbers M through PN could be moved down from third floor. The oversize books with their special shelving were also brought down to the second floor and are now located in the southeast corner near the group study rooms. This area is designated on the map.

The map of the third floor shows the construction areas, which are off limits to the public. This means that there are no public restrooms available on the third floor. All the collections have been shifted to the east. Because office spaces for MnSCU/PALS staff must be completed before their current work area can be converted to collection space, the books that will eventually reside there are temporarily shelved where the oversize books were kept. On the map, that is the shaded area at the south end of third floor between the stairs and the small construction zone behind the elevators. Books with location numbers from PS3505 through QA269 will be found there until they can be shifted to their permanent location this spring. Call letter signs on the ends of book shelves should help library users locate materials. Ask for assistance at the first floor circulation desk if you have difficulty finding items.

The plastic construction wall on the east side of the building comes very close to the end of some book shelves, making for a tight squeeze, particularly in the section of books with call letters TH. Ask at the first floor circulation desk for help retrieving books if necessary.

Anyone using the library should be prepared for construction noise and activity, particularly on the third floor. Those using second floor can also expect noise, especially below the construction zones. Some electrical work may result in power outages. Construction crews will try to notify library staff in advance, and we will share this information with library users.

With the removal of a temporary wall and shifts in ERC collections, additional study space is now available on the library's lower level, as far as possible from the disruption of the construction areas.