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GELMAN ENTRANCE FLOOR RENOVATION

Project Background

In early 2011, student groups were invited to provide input for a concept study for how the entrance level of Gelman Library might be renovated. That feedback is now becoming a reality for the Gelman Library's 8,000 to 9,000 daily visitors. Interior demolition, exterior demolition and relocation of existing functions on the second floor in Gelman Library is complete. Current work is focused on finalizing all infrastructure activities and shifting to the finish activities. The original project completion date targeted for this project was summer 2014, but work is currently on track to be substantially completed by fall 2013.

Entrance Relocation

The new entrance will create great synergistic opportunities for Gelman Library, Kogan Plaza, and the Foggy Bottom campus while providing an attractive "front door" to the building. The renovated entrance floor will offer library patrons a new facility that enhances today's media-based resources as well as the collaborative study and research requirements of students, including traditional computer stations, laptop bars, wireless integration, collaborative learning spaces, and a centralized service area which will provide patrons with ready access to reference services and technological support.

New Study Space

When completed, the new study environment will meet the students' biggest desire for more study space. This space will combine modern technology with a flexible study environment. This study space will feature an array of services, including on-site research expertise from librarians, writing tutors, and basic troubleshooting assistance with the technology available on the floor.

Key Features of the Second Floor Study Space

- Visitors Center
- Learning Commons
- Multimedia Room
- Help Desk and Research Consultation Services
- Group Study Rooms
- Data Visualization Space
- Snack Lounge
- Study Lounge
- Multipurpose Rooms
- Writing Center
- Check Out Desk
- Outdoor Reading Terrace