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To our library community:

While I wish I could fill this letter with nothing but happy feelings of holiday cheer, I must take this time to update you on our little construction project. While the work thus far has been disruptive but manageable, I'm afraid we're moving into a much more disruptive period. Beginning mid-January, the work will focus on the raised floor that has long posed a problem for anyone who happens to be walking upright throughout the library. You may have noticed dips in the floor or small cracking sounds as you take a step, that is our raised floor collapsing beneath you! Since this floor covers almost 90% of the public space, this work will be disruptive to say the least.

To prepare we'll be moving tables, chairs, bookshelves and computers off the floor and into the empty spaces that are currently under construction. The old floor will then be removed, followed by new floor boxes for power and data, and then re-filled with concrete. The library will be closed the day the concrete is poured, and we plan on giving plenty of notice once that date is set. We expect it to be around the end of January. Once the cement is dry, we can walk on it and use it as needed, but it may take up to 30 days before the floor is cured enough to be carpeted.

We will have limited services while the floor work is being finished. This will include limited computer access, limited seating, and limited access to some collections. We continue to try our best to keep everything as accessible as possible but realize we sometimes must make sacrifices for the sake of expedience. The construction project is on schedule and we're hoping everything is wrapped up by March. We're grateful for everyone's patience as we deal with noisy equipment, disrupted parking, reconfigured bookshelves, and limited program space. We assure you it will all be worth it!

Happy holidays from our (temporarily messy) library.

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