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Marriott Library West Entrance to Become “The” Entrance; Public Areas Compressed to Floors One and Two

October 1, 2007 — Students, “Go West!” The Marriott Library’s west entrance just south of the bookstore will be the only entrance for the Library starting Monday, October 15, the day that classes resume following fall break. The Library’s east entrance will be closed for construction starting October 15 and will remain closed until the construction is complete on the 1968 portion of the building (the big box section), scheduled for the fall of 2008.

“It’s important for students to know that the Library will remain fully functional during this phase of construction,” comments Ian Godfrey, facilities manager for the Marriott Library, “We have simply moved collections and service desks to floors one and two in the newly renovated portions of the Library, so everything is still available.”

While all of this is going on, the Automated Retrieval Center (ARC) located on the west side of the second floor, is being loaded with approximately one million items. All of these materials will be open to patrons throughout the entire process. “The items going into the ARC are the items least used (bound journals, microfiche, and audio-visual materials), so patrons will still be able to browse the stacks for the items they are used to seeing there,” explains Joyce Ogburn, university librarian and director of the J. Willard Marriott Library, “Our stacks will remain open for browsing all throughout construction and in the future, when construction is complete.”

Here’s the layout starting October 15:

Level 1

- Multimedia Center
- Classrooms
- Book Arts Studio
- Government Documents Reference
- Science and Engineering Reference
- Curriculum Reference
- Aziz S. Atiya Middle East Library Reference
- Maps and Atlases

Level 2

- Special Collections
- Technology Assisted Curriculum Center
- General Reference
- Fine Arts Reference
- Current Periodicals
- Browsing Collection

All collections will be available surrounding corresponding reference desks and study areas will be available throughout floors one and two.

The renovation project is now in its third year and final phase. "Students have been extremely tolerant and patient through all of the construction changes," says Ogburn, "We keep saying to ourselves 'It'll be great in 2008' and we know the students must also be thinking that, and we appreciate their understanding."

For maps detailing floor layouts, go to the Library's home page at www.lib.utah.edu and select "Floor Maps" under "Maps and Directories." For questions on the project, send an e-mail to renovate@utah.edu or call 581-8558.