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WATER LEAK TEMPORARILY CLOSES STACK LEVELS 4-6 OF ROBERT W. WOODRUFF LIBRARY BUILDING

Interim Retrieval Process Announced for Book from Those Floors

A sprinkler system valve failure over Labor Day weekend has temporarily closed Levels 4 through 6 of the Robert W. Woodruff Library building’s stack towers.

However, most of the collections on those floors escaped water damage during the Sun., Aug. 31 incident, said Lars Meyer, senior director of content services for the Emory University Libraries.

“The only books that sustained water damage are those with call numbers PA through PQ2600, and that damage is spotty,” Meyer said. “Preservation staff members were on the scene right away on Sunday to assess the situation and begin caring for the affected books.”

Levels 4 through 6 will be closed through at least Mon., Sept. 8 to for water removal and drying of floors and shelving following the leak. In the meantime, Emory faculty, staff and students may request undamaged books from Levels 4 through 6 in the following manner:

- Visit the Circulation Desk on Level Three of the Robert W. Woodruff Library Building.
- Complete a retrieval form in person.
- Books will be retrieved and ready for check-out within a maximum of two hours of the request time.
- Damaged books—a portion of those with call numbers PA through PQ2600—are unavailable for check-out. At this time, most of those are noted in Euclid and the DiscoverE search tool with the word “REPAIR” appearing in the “Location” box. Damaged books will be unavailable for three to six weeks.

The subject areas of books housed on the affected floors are business, social science, political science, education, fine arts, languages, literature and the sciences. Call numbers are HM-LT; N-NX; P-PR; and PS-PZ.

For updates as floors open use again, visit the Emory Libraries home page and look for “Level 4 through 6 Update.” E-mail updates will be distributed around campus, as well.

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