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#### Hours and Closings

Mon, Wed, Fri

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Weekend hours resume the second Saturday of September.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED July 6-16 for renovations.

#### A Message from the Library

We are pleased to report that work on the Library renovations has commenced! In advance of the dust and disorder that renovations invariably bring, and which we promise to keep to a minimum, we have prepared a short selection of quotations which we hope will help us all get through the coming summer months with our sanity intact.

"Endurance is nobler than strength,  
and patience than beauty."  
John Ruskin

"Endurance is not just the ability  
to bear a hard thing,  
but to turn it into glory."  
William Barclay

"Endurance is patience concentrated."  
Thomas Carlyle

#### Renovation Reminder

As a reminder, the Library's Board of Trustees approved three projects:

- a) making our main entrance wheelchair-accessible;
- b) building out the third, fourth, and fifth floors into the lightwell, thereby increasing the seating in the fifth-floor Large Study Room by ten seats and the number of individual study rooms from two to six; and
- c) restoring the skylight above the main staircase, which was part of the original John S. Rogers home built in 1917.

To better facilitate this work, the entire Library will close at 5 pm on Friday, June 2, and reopen on Monday, July 19. Also, the fifth floor is now closed and will remain so until Monday, September 21.

#### Renovation FAQ

##### *1. Where is the clock from the lobby? And the art from the main staircase?*

The grandfather clock normally found in the lobby has been removed for safekeeping, along with paintings and sculptures from the main stairwell. As the photos below illustrate, this process made for one of the more nail-bitingly stressful days at the Library in recent memory.

*2. With the fifth floor now closed for the summer, has an alternate space been made available for quiet study and writing?*

Yes. The Whitridge Room on the third floor has been converted into a temporary writing/study space accommodating fourteen workers. It has been equipped with wireless internet service and a small selection of reference works. There are also several desks located throughout the stacks, although they are not wired for internet access. All of these work spaces are available on a first come-first served basis.



*3. When are my books due? Will there be fines for overdue books?*

To ensure that members have enough to read



during summer months, we are extending summer loans again. This means that stack books checked out after May 15 may be kept until September 13, provided members ask for this extended loan period at the circulation desk. No books will be due while the building is closed to members. No overdue fines will be imposed between June 15 and September 13.

*4. How disruptive will the renovation work be?*

As with any work of this nature, a certain

amount of noise and dust is inevitable, though we will do our very best to ensure it is kept to a minimum. Also, the safety of both our members and our building is of paramount importance to us, so rest assured we will be taking every possible



precaution.

In Closing, As It Were

If you have any further questions, please check the renovation updates on the Library website at [www.nysoclib.org/renovation.html](http://www.nysoclib.org/renovation.html). We will also be posting updates on signs throughout the building, and on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and of course you may also always call the front desk at 212-288-6900 or email [renovation@nysoclib.org](mailto:renovation@nysoclib.org).

Thank you for your understanding and support as we proceed with these dusty and noisy yet very important renovations to our landmark building, which will make the Library an even better place to bring together books and people.

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