

Welcome to Death Valley?

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No, this is not a new nickname for our Library!!! This is the term being used by the contractors for all the projects and mess around the Library facility and Mudd building. Right now there are at least 8 projects, from re-routing all the utilities around Searle Drive and the construction on the various buildings, to installing a sprinkler system in the Library and turning part of the old stack area into the School of Medicine Office of Curriculum space.

Noise in and around the building will continue into early 2012! Check with Service Desk staff to find the quietest spaces in the Library, since this will vary from day to day and week to week.


Bridges from the Learning Center have now broken through the outer walls into the Library enabling contractors to move materials in and out of the building without tying up our elevators or creating a constant mess throughout the Library. Teams will soon begin installing a sprinkler system throughout the building, which means crawling through ceiling spaces and running pipes along some walls.



The old loading dock behind the building has been torn down so that work can begin on the plaza, which will tie together the Duke Medicine Pavilion (DMP), the Learning Center, and the Mudd building. It will take some time to build this plaza as well as install new facilities and functions under it and between the Mudd and DMP buildings. Coal Pile and Searle Drives near the Bryan Research building will remain closed and only be used for construction purposes for several more months.

The new concourse connecting Duke Hospital and Duke Clinic opened in November! For those going to and coming from the Clinics, the pathway is now different. Since the walkway is one floor higher than the current structure, you will need to use the elevators or stairs in the concourse (in the hospital building) to access the walkway to the Mudd building or get back to the clinical building. If you are walking from main campus to the Library, use the sidewalk between the Bryan and Nanaline Duke buildings, or navigate your way from the Davison building entrance through the Duke South clinics and onto the new walkway to Duke Hospital.

Many of the smaller projects will be finished in early 2012, so the noise and mess should be less. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding as the Library watches these incredible new buildings rise around us, and “death valley” is replaced with beautiful landscaping and gathering places.

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