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Roy O. West Renovation

The Renovation of Roy O. West Library: A Brief Annotated Timeline

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"What a long strange trip it's been."

The Grateful Dead

Originally opened and dedicated in 1957, Roy O. West was last renovated in 1986, just in time for the rise of desktop computing and rapid technological change. Discussions around renovation and updates began in the early 2000s. There were many iterations, changes and hurdles, and included several smaller changes to the building and furnishings along the way.

1957 - Dedication of Roy O. West Library by Vice President Richard M. Nixon

1986 - First large scale renovation completed

2001 - New facade changed the look of the building and Holton Quad

2005 - Initial planning begins for a second major renovation

2007 - Major plan with CSO Architects developed

2008 - Phase 1 of a 3-phase renovation plan begins during the summer to complete a HVAC upgrade, plan is later scuttled due to economic and administrative changes

2012 - Building condition assessment, leading to a rekindled effort that goes through several iterations and architecture firms

2015 - Hired Ratio Architects and begin the process that results in our present plan

2019 - Construction begins, only to be halted due to the COVID pandemic in Spring 2020

2021 - Renovation restarts in earnest

2023 - Roy O. West reopens on January 30

Service Spotlight

The books are back on the shelves and look better than ever thanks to Overton & Associates. Bill Overton specializes in moving library collections and has moved libraries of all types and sizes over the past 35+ years.

Thanks to his expertise and the hard work of his crew, which included many local hires, our collections were safely handled from pack up last summer to their placement on beautifully reinstalled shelves at Roy O. this winter.

Take a look at some of the crew's hard work in the sneak peek photo of one of Roy's new mezzanine seating areas!

New Roy Numbers

The new Café Roy can seat **70 people!**

Roy O. West Library will be open **96 hours** each week:

Sundays 12pm-12am

Mondays-Thursdays 8am-12am

Fridays 8am-8pm

Saturdays 12pm-8pm

Archives & Special Collections, Tenzer Technology Center, and The Learning Commons will have their own hours.

