

Report to the Baruch College General Faculty
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William and Anita Newman Library

Atrium Ceiling Project (Update) – The project to refinish the wood paneling on the atrium walls is close to completion. When the scaffolding is removed we will begin to create additional student seating in the atrium area of the second (main) floor.

High-Density Shelving Project – The Library Facilities Master Plan (2016) called for the installation of high-density mobile shelving on the 4th floor of the Library. The purpose is to consolidate the circulating book collection and yield additional space on other floors where stationary shelving can be removed. The College obtained Reso-A capital funds from New York City to support the project and the CUNY Board of Trustees approved the project in May 2019. We recently learned that the Dormitory Authority of New York (DASNY) would like to begin work at the end of the spring 2020 semester. The project will involve temporarily moving all the books from the 4th floor into storage so that the current shelving and overhead fluorescent light fixtures can be removed. The new mobile shelving will be installed with energy-efficient LED lights that activate only as the shelving is used. All the books that are placed in storage will be returned to the new stacks. We expect that the project can be completed over the summer. We will share the details of the project plan, including the date range when books will not be available, when DASNY provides them.

NYPL Card – On April 21 from 12:00 until 2:00 a representative of the New York Public Library will be on the second (main) floor of the Newman Library to issue NYPL library cards and replacement cards for Baruch students, faculty, and staff. Cardholders may borrow books and DVDs at any of the branches. Cardholders also gain remote access to many research databases that Baruch does not hold. (See <https://www.nypl.org/collections/articles-databases>.) To obtain an NYPL card just bring your Baruch ID card and proof of address to the designated table. Proof of address can be a piece of U.S. mail or an electronic record (e.g., Amazon invoice) on your mobile phone. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us celebrate National Library Week.

Books by Baruch Adjuncts – The Library has added a separate listing to the Books by Baruch College Faculty web page for books that have been authored or edited by adjunct faculty members. The address has not changed: <https://guides.newman.baruch.cuny.edu/facultybooks>.

Robotic Book Loan Kiosk – Since the last General Faculty meeting the robotic book loan kiosk on the first floor has been lending course textbooks to students, including when the library's service desks are closed and overnight during midterms and final exams. The kiosk was profiled in the Alumni Magazine: <https://blogs.baruch.cuny.edu/bcam/2019/12/23/book-bot-baruch-unveils-automated-textbook-lending-kiosk/>.

New Library Catalog - The CUNY library system is upgrading its catalog to a next-generation product that will enable us to manage all electronic and print resources in one place. With this change, as of August 3, we will no longer be supporting our twenty-year old legacy catalog, which was primarily designed to manage print resources. We will move to use exclusively the newer OneSearch system, which has already been in place on the library's home page for several years and has been serving as the main way for the Baruch community to find books (both print and electronic) as well as videos (on DVD and streaming) and articles in journals, newspapers, and magazines. For more information about OneSearch, please see this guide: <https://guides.newman.baruch.cuny.edu/onesearch>.

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

College's Web Site – As previously announced, December 31, 2020 is the sunset date for the College's use of Contribute for web content management. By that date we must have all of the College's content moved to our WordPress environment. Since the last General Faculty meeting BCTC has hired a full-time web assistant to help meet the deadline. The sites of the Marx School, Student Affairs, and the Office of Communications, Marketing and Public Affairs will be completed in March. The kickoff meeting was held for the migration of the sites of the Administration and Finance Division.

17 Lex Network Upgrade – BCTC is in the procurement stage for re-cabling the building. A project timeline will be shared with the College community as soon as the purchase is approved.

New Employee Account Creation – BCTC has been working with the Administration & Finance Division on a system to provision network user accounts when a new employee has been assigned an emplid. Once the employee claims the account, a Baruch email address will be provided. The system is currently being tested with a release planned for July 1, 2020.

Office of Institutional Research

The following significant projects are in process/recently completed:

- Middle States accreditation support
- Continuing designing new fact book using R software
- R training for Enrollment Management Committee
- Financial Aid Survey for rankings publications
- Reporting on the COACHE Survey
- Continuing generating data for Enrollment Management Key Performance Indicators
- Continuing rankings survey data update
- Developing dashboard style indicators using Tableau
- APSIA application data for SPIA
- Preparing data for Graduate Student Survey (GSS) 2020
- Redesigning the IR web site
- Data for Data Analysis Research Experience (DARE) Evaluation
- Data for CCIF Grant Data Analysis