OMG! You’re here, and we’re scrambling! The planned summer renovation at Hunt Library was delayed because of budget negotiation and contract issues. Rather than greeting you with a bright new space designed and equipped with you in mind, I now must apologize for the Library’s first floor being under construction. I am sorry that Hunt Library will be a little noisy during the day and crowded for a few months. The good news is: After this temporary inconvenience, you’ll reap lasting benefits from the student-advised improvements and changes at Hunt. And: We plan to continue student-oriented library renovations with projects in Sorrells E&S Library and the Mellon Institute Library next summer.

Here’s what to expect at Hunt Library DURING renovation (August-October):

1. Regular library hours (including 24/5 access to the Maggie Murph Café, group study rooms, the Hunt Cluster, and open group study in the lower level).

2. Much of first floor will be off-limits (under construction). Access to floors 2-5 and the lower level is unchanged. Quiet Study (7th floor) remains open until 3 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

3. The Circulation desk will operate as usual. Reference librarians will provide general information and reference services from a temporary location near the entrance to the library. Ask A Librarian services (IM, chat, email and phone reference) are unchanged. As always, subject librarians are available to do specialized training and research consultation with groups or one-on-one.

4. Library computer workstations (including CAMEO library catalog workstations), printers and copiers will be distributed as conveniently as possible throughout the building, with signage and handouts to direct you to them. Wireless access is available and unchanged.

Here are the changes we will celebrate with you AFTER the renovation:

1. Global Communications Center (GCC), a new-concept service hub pairing library reference with a suite of new services for students (writing, presentation and communication design skills tutoring, all under the aegis of the Vice Provost for Education).

2. Expanded and improved collaborative work space

3. Additional lounge seating, high tech group study & meeting spaces

PLEASE—If you have comments, questions or concerns about library services in the coming months, I would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact me at 412-268-2447 or gstclair@andrew.cmu.edu.