Pollak Library Undergoing a Transition in Place
Operating Hours Extended and Paging Program Continued Indefinitely

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Pollak Library is undergoing several changes this semester.

Because of damage caused by the spring earthquake, areas of the south side of the Pollak Library remain closed, and books will be relocated to the north side to facilitate access. The long-term closure of the first, fourth, fifth and sixth floors also requires moving lab computers from the basement to the first floor of the north side of Pollak Library and restructuring the circulation, reference and research service desks.

The current book-paging program, instituted to provide students and faculty with safe access to the circulating collection, will continue while the books are relocated. Through the program, students, faculty and staff can request books by submitting an online request through ILLiad.

"Moving the books is a massive effort," said Scott Hewitt, interim university librarian. "It is not clear how long it will take. We have to determine which scenario will make the most books available for browsing."

The University is weighing solutions for the damaged areas of the library, including whether to repair the ceilings now or wait to include them in the Libraries of the Future initiative, which includes renovation of the library's spaces to better serve students and faculty.

LOFT is a California State University initiative aimed at leveraging technological advances to transform library services across the 23-campus system. The initiative includes renovating facilities and determining the best use of space.

The recently completed LOFT vision statement will be used to help guide the University through the next phase, which includes space planning and print collection management. Work is expected to take place during this academic year.

Extended Hours
As part of the [Student Success Initiative](http://success.fullerton.edu), the library is [extending its hours](http://libraryblogs.fullerton.edu/2014/08/26-expanded-library-hours-for-2014-2015-year-and-finals/) to give students more access to its resources, as well as more study spaces, especially during finals, Hewitt said. The initiative also funds additional security officers, an additional library staff member and more custodial support.

Harpreet Bath, president of Associated Students Inc., served on the Student Fee Advisory Committee that recommended approval of the Student Success Initiative. One of the big issues his committee identified was the lack of spaces for students to study and prepare for finals and examinations throughout the year.

"This year the library will be open longer throughout the year to provide students additional space to study, and open 24/7 during finals, along with the Titan Student Union," Bath said.