

To: Puzzled Patrons of Dewey Library  
From: The Library Staff

Why on earth did we reverse the entrance and exit doors? Are we out of our minds, or something?

Actually, it's a by-product of the computer age, which was not foreseen by the architects of the building when it was built in 1965.

We will be installing computer terminals at the Dewey Circulation Desk before the end of this year. Moreover, the 3M Security System cannot successfully co-exist near computer terminals, and vice versa.

Therefore, we had two choices. One solution would have been to rebuild the entire outer lobby wall to achieve the required distance between the security system and the computer.

The other system was to reverse the exit and entrance doors, which is what we did, as you may have noticed.

We hope you are getting used to it now. We do apologize for the inconvenience.

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Adjusting to new technical innovations frequently requires adjustments in other practices and procedures. In particular, it has become necessary to make certain changes to our physical plant to accommodate the installation of computer terminals at our circulation desk. The most noticeable alteration, and the one that most affects our users, is the inversion of the entrance and exit doors.

Henceforth, the entrance doors will be used as a point of egress, and vice versa. We would appreciate your cooperation in using the new entrance and exit.

Thank you.

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