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# Construction Highlights - August, 2003

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## Current Project Schedule

Construction activities continue on the foundations for the 400-car parking garage at Central Library. On the evening of Wednesday, August 6, the third concrete pour took place. Approximately 350 concrete trucks arrived on the job site and 3,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured under temporary lighting conditions.



Concrete pumping trucks with extension arms are positioned on Ninth Street overlooking the work site



Workers, knee-high in concrete, guide the pumping tubes to position the concrete at desired locations, and level surfaces



Along with hard hats and safety glasses, workers find that duct tape is an essential part of the job when working with concrete, as well as a versatile tool in the household. Click here to read more on the history of, you guessed it, [Duct Tape](#).

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The garage contractors are preparing for additional pours in late August and September including a slab-on-deck pour scheduled for August 18. Along with the concrete slab pouring, the contractor is responsible for making necessary preparations to the site such as shoring the walls and installing the formwork, reinforcing steel, and post-tensioned cables.

### Inside the Cret Building



Within the Cret building, workers are concentrating on framing walls in areas that will contain offices.

The chandeliers in the Main Room and in the East and West Reading Rooms have been lowered and removed for restoration.



### Outside the Cret Building



On the exterior of the building, the tuckpointing process continues. If you have driven by the building on St. Clair Street, you may have noticed that all the granite steps at the south entry have been removed.

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**C**ranes were used to carefully remove the steps. Reconstruction of the steps will take place during the next few months.



### **Central Library Quick Facts**

**D**id you know that a system of pumps and pipes surrounds the construction site to remove approximately 3,000 gallons of water per minutes while construction of the garage takes place?