

**2025 Capital Improvement Budget
Library Department**

(in thousands)

Projects	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Chugiak-Eagle River Library Carpet Replacement	150	-	-	-	150
Loussac Library Window Replacements and Repairs	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Total	2,650	-	-	-	2,650

2025 - 2030 Capital Improvement Program Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Year	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Library						
Chugiak-Eagle River Library Carpet Replacement	2025	150	-	-	-	150
Loussac Library - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	2029	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation	2028	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Loussac Library Grounds Safety and Accessibility Improvements	2027	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Loussac Library Learning Commons Renovation	2026	750	-	-	-	750
Loussac Library Third Floor Renovation	2028	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
Loussac Library Window Replacements and Repairs	2025	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Mountain View Library Remodel	2027	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Muldoon Library Relocation	2026	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
South Anchorage Library	2029	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	Total	32,400	-	-	-	32,400

Chugiak-Eagle River Library Carpet Replacement

Project ID	LIB2019006	Department	Library
Project Type	Replacement	Start Date	July 2025
District	Assembly: Section 2, Chugiak/Eagle River, Seats A & C	End Date	December 2026
Community Council	Eagle River		

Description

After fifteen years of heavy use with over 1.25 million visitors since 2010, the 18,000 square foot carpet in the Chugiak-Eagle River Library is wearing down and in need of replacement. The existing carpet was installed in 2009 when the building opened and has worn in such a way that bubbles have formed underneath it. There are gaps and snags due to changes in furniture and layout and general wear and tear. One of the most popular areas is the children’s space. There the current carpet is a health concern for the young patrons who enjoy playing and reading on the floor. Uneven floor surfaces such as bubbling or gaping carpet can cause trips and falls as well as posing a challenge for pushing materials like book carts. New carpet will update the entire library space and create a more welcoming environment, while also addressing safety and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility issues due to bubbling and wear.

Comments

In 2023, the library received over 64,000 visitors and checked out 183,000 items. In 2024, the library has already hosted 95 programs with 3,900 attendees. This is the second largest branch in terms of visits and checkouts behind Loussac.

The earthquake in November 2018 hit the Chugiak-Eagle River Library particularly hard. The library had to close for two weeks to clean up and reshelv materials. It closed again in summer 2019 to address damage from the earthquake. The library is overdue for carpet replacement which will address the health and safety issues as well as invest in this much-loved neighborhood hub.

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	150	-	-	-	-	-	150
Total (in thousands)		150	-	-	-	-	-	150

Loussac Library - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

Project ID LIB2024003 **Department** Library
Project Type Rehabilitation **Start Date** June 2029
District Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G **End Date** December 2029
Community Council Midtown

Description

Replace the 40+ year old heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system at the Loussac Library.

Comments

In 2024, the library secured funding to replace the control panel of the existing system to as a stop gap for this essential upgrade. This project will drastically improve the health and safety of staff working areas as well as provide an improved experience for the public.

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation

Project ID	LIB2020004	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2028
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	June 2030
Community Council	Midtown		

Description

This project will renovate the children's area on the second floor of the Loussac Library. The space received a new entrance as part of a renovation in 2015. However, the entirety of the space remains in its original condition from 1986.

The children's area at Loussac is showing significant signs of wear and tear. While some of the carpet has been replaced in high traffic areas, several areas, particularly around the preschool computers and picture books, are experiencing tears and bubbling, causing tripping hazards and posing difficulties pushing book carts or strollers. The shelving units are bulky and dated in design, with narrow aisles obstructing sightlines throughout the room. This makes it more difficult for children and families to navigate the collection and for library staff to monitor the space. Most of the furniture consists of heavy tables and chairs, with limited room for children and families to relax and enjoy the space, sharing books together in a comfortable and safe environment. The storytheater, the room where families with infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children come to enjoy storytime, is a small, cramped, windowless space with poor ventilation and airflow. When large volumes of children and caregivers are in the room, it can feel confined and quickly become overheated. The staff workroom is a semi-circular space that conforms around the storytheater. Its unusual layout creates many storage problems, requiring staff to store necessary library programming materials in other locations around the library.

The library requires regular maintenance, upkeep and replacement of equipment that is past its useful lifespan. Alterations are necessary to meet the current and future needs of Anchorage's youth and families. The project will include:

- architectural and engineering design,
- replacement of carpet, shelving, furniture, lighting,
- structural upgrades, and a
- reconfiguration of the layout

This project will revitalize the children's space, creating a more welcoming and accessible environment, improve safety sightlines and be more efficient for the modern needs of the library. Our libraries should reflect our city's dedication to investing in kids and families and making Anchorage a vibrant place to live, to help the children of Anchorage grow into intelligent, confident, and compassionate citizens who can succeed in their future careers and take advantage of all of their opportunities. Updating and remodeling this space will show our community that Anchorage supports and invests in our young people.

Comments

The library is a critical piece in our community's literacy initiatives for children PreK to grade 12, frequently partnering with the Anchorage School District to help meet out-of-school literacy and numeracy needs of students and families. In 2023, just over half (55%) of all incoming kindergarten students were measured as "well below benchmark" as part of the new mCLASS early literacy screener. In fall 2023, 48% of third graders tested below the 50th percentile for reading scores on the Student MAP Growth assessment.

As free community resources that are open to all ages, libraries are uniquely positioned to support children's learning with a rich collection of high-interest materials, technology, and space for free movement and programming. The Loussac children's area is extremely popular and well-used. In 2023, Loussac held 452 youth programs for preschool-aged children to teens, for a total attendance of 27,384 attendees. Of those 452 programs, 198 of them were library storytimes, mostly held in the outdated storytheater, which welcomed 9,366 attendees. Also in 2023, Loussac patrons borrowed over 32,000 physical media items, including audio CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks and over 280,000 print materials, including board books, picture books, chapter books, and teen books.

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation



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Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500

Loussac Library Grounds Safety and Accessibility Improvements

Project ID	LIB2021003	Department	Library
Project Type	Improvement	Start Date	June 2027
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2027
Community Council	Midtown		

Description

Reconfigure layout, pathways, and access to the Loussac Grounds. In partnership with applicable municipal departments including Parks & Recreation and Transportation.

Project will include:

- Safe and accessible pathway between Cuddy Park and the Library.
- Increase walking paths to and from bus stops
- Sidewalk repair
- Improve outdoor stage and lawn area to increase usability for programming
- Explore options for access to the Alaska wing directly from the parking lot. Current access to the wing is only possible from the 3rd floor.

Comments

Loussac Library received 312,812 visitors in 2023. Many families express a wish for a safe path between the library and Cuddy Park so they can take advantage of both locations in the same outing. Despite the close proximity, the only way to walk from Cuddy Park to the library requires either walking through the Loussac Parking lot or crossing a street.

Many of the sidewalks around the Loussac Library are crumbling and do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. There are no convenient walking paths between the bus stop and the library. This is exacerbated during the winter.

Every year, the library hosts its Reading Rendezvous event on the lawn at the Loussac Library. The small stage is in need of repair and a revitalization of the area would increase usability for library and community programs alike.

Improvements to the library grounds will increase accessibility, safety, and demonstrate a commitment to maintaining this community resource.



Loussac Library Grounds Safety and Accessibility Improvements

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	1,000	-	-	-	1,000

Loussac Library Learning Commons Renovation

Project ID	LIB2023002	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2026
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2026
Community Council	Midtown		

Description

Renovate the Learning Commons located on the 4th floor of the Loussac Library to create a vibrant and usable space for library and public use. The room is currently underutilized due to worn flooring, no storage, outdated and impractical built in cubicles, and outdated electrical. It currently serves as the only large multipurpose space in the Loussac Library. It is used for storytimes which have outgrown the storytime theatre on the 2nd floor, school age programming involving crafts and activities, and library staff meetings. The space is also rented by the public; however, many groups pass on the use as the acoustics are very harsh in addition to the poor flooring, lack of a practical audio/video set up and limited electrical access.

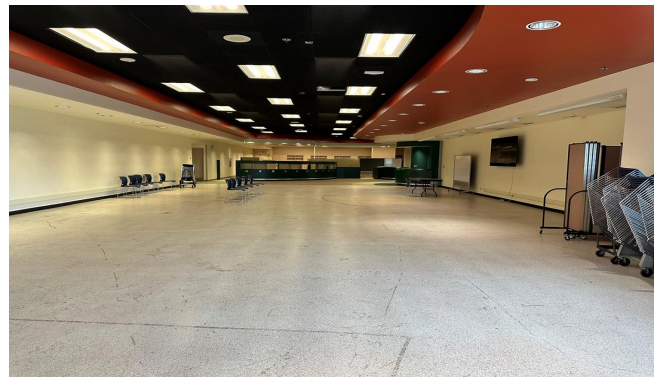
The project will include:

- Space planner, architectural, and engineering design,
- New flooring
- Removal of built in cabinetry.
- Structural and electrical upgrades.
- Reconfiguration of layout to maximize usage and functionality.
- Possible changes to staff area located adjacent to the space.

Comments

The 4th Floor Learning Commons space used to hold the media collection and listening stations where patrons could experience the media in the library with headphones. However, library service models have changed since 1986 when the building was constructed. Listening stations became obsolete with the addition of the computer lab. During the 2015 library renovation the media collection was moved to the 2nd floor to increase accessibility and consolidate staff service points. Nothing has been done to the space since the media collection moved downstairs. It briefly served as a home for the Cooperative Extension Service but they lacked the funding to renew their lease. Since the pandemic, the room has served as a catch all for programming due to the open floor plan. Because of its removal from the main areas of the library, noise levels do not negatively affect patrons on the 2nd or 3rd floors. These benefits are overshadowed by the outdated and worn state of the space itself.

The space is in need of updating from a maintenance, engineering, and architectural perspective. The room layout is open with two awkwardly placed small offices previously used as instrument practice rooms. They are isolated from all other offices and are unusable during programming or events. There is a sink behind the existing cubicles, but the placement makes it impractical for public use. Complete renovation will create a flexible programming room and increase rental revenue. Having vibrant, updated, and functional spaces for the community is just one way the library can fulfill its mission to connect people to education, information, and community.



Loussac Library Learning Commons Renovation

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	750	-	-	-	-	750
Total (in thousands)		-	750	-	-	-	-	750

Loussac Library Third Floor Renovation

Project ID	LIB2024001	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2028
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2028
Community Council	Midtown		

Description

This project focuses on completing the renovation of the third floor, following the work done in the front section during Phase One (2015).

Scope of work to include:

Flooring: Replace existing old carpet throughout the remainder of third floor to match the new carpet installed in Phase One. This will create a cohesive look and feel for the entire space and remove carpet that is difficult to maintain, contributes to tripping hazards, and must be replaced all at once when damaged due to the style of carpet currently installed. The existing carpet was installed in 1992 and has worn in such a way that bubbles have formed underneath it and the pattern on the carpet creates a three-dimensional effect, making it difficult for wheeled conveyances such as book carts, walkers, and wheelchairs to traverse across this section of the library. Replacing the carpet with new carpet or flooring will be easier and more cost effective to maintain as well as more aesthetically pleasing.

Electrical: Upgrade the existing electrical system to meet current standards and safety codes. This may involve rewiring, installing new outlets and switches, and removing existing outlet boxes that protrude from the floor and create tripping hazards. The electrical infrastructure in this area is from the original 1986 build and the needs of library users and staff require additional access to electrical outlets to power personal devices and library equipment.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance: Make necessary modifications to ensure the third floor complies with the ADA standards. This includes widening or creating larger doorways to the restrooms that meet weight requirements and providing door opening buttons, providing lower sinks and water fountains, and arranging the layout to allow easier independent access to library materials.

Layout Modifications: Adjust the layout of the space to improve sightlines and create a safer and more open atmosphere that allows for more natural light and is easier for staff to monitor and maintain. Movement of some library resources to electronic format allows for a reduction in height of library shelves which in turn will increase visibility and sightlines while simultaneously increasing access by putting the physical materials in a range that is more easily reached by most of the population. This will require purchasing new or modifying current shelving furniture.

Additional Considerations: Depending on the current layout, further modifications could involve removing unnecessary walls, relocating doorways, or creating open areas.

Comments

The benefits of the renovation would include improved functionality of the space, enhanced safety, and creating a warm and welcoming environment for library visitors. New flooring will be easier to maintain and more aesthetically pleasing. Upgraded electrical systems ensure safety and functionality. ADA compliance makes the space accessible to everyone. Improved sightlines achieved by lowering shelving and modifying the layout to open the space on the 3rd floor will promote a more inviting and spacious feel and create a safer environment for patrons and staff. Space and layout redesign will ensure all visitors have a place to attend programs, browse the collection, use the computers, or simply enjoy a beautiful space to read.

Loussac Library Third Floor Renovation



Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500

Loussac Library Window Replacements and Repairs

Project ID	LIB2023001	Department	Library
Project Type	Replacement	Start Date	June 2025
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2025
Community Council	Midtown		

Description

The windows at the Loussac Library are original to the building built in 1986. The seals on many windows are broken and or worn resulting in moisture accumulating between the double panes. The skylight which stretches from the 2nd to 3rd floor leaks and causes damage to the collection and interior.

Scope of work will include repair and replacement of:

- 200 windows on all four floors of the main library (excluding the first-floor windows at the front entrance which were replaced in the renovation in 2017).
- 100 windows in the overpass and the Alaska Wing.
- The skylight which spans the 2nd and 3rd floor over the children’s area.

The library has prioritized this project due to the critical need for repairs and damage to the facility.

Comments

Since 1986, the Loussac Public Library has been an asset to all people from various backgrounds and ethnicities resulting in a strong community, focused on connecting people to education and information. The physical library building and collection are a cornerstone to the services provided by the library. Investing in the repair and maintenance of library facilities is essential to continued operations. In 2023 the Loussac library had 312,812 visitors who use the space to attend programs, browse the collection, use the computers, and enjoy the space for leisure or study. The Assembly chambers are also housed within the Loussac Library.

In addition to addressing leaks, this project will result in decreased operational costs. According to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy study: Pathway to Zero Energy Windows published in April 2022, windows account for 8.6% of energy use. Replacing old windows with energy efficient windows has been proven to reduce energy consumption ("Pathway to Zero Energy Windows: Advancing Technologies and Market Adoption" at nrel.gov). This project aligns with the Anchorage Climate Action by improving energy efficiency of buildings. Replacements will also increase environmental health and safety for staff and library visitors.



Loussac Library Window Replacements and Repairs

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	2,500
Total (in thousands)		2,500	-	-	-	-	-	2,500

Mountain View Library Remodel

Project ID	LIB2021001	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2027
District	Assembly: Section 1, Downtown, Seat B & L	End Date	December 2027
Community Council	Mountain View		

Description

Opened in 2010, the Mountain View Library demand and usage has far exceeded the original capacity of the building. The original floor plan does not adequately serve today’s needs: increased computer access, collaborative work areas, dedicated teen area, individual study rooms, and safety upgrades through increased visibility and layout improvements.

The project will include:

- Space planner, architectural, and engineering design.
- Expanding space to maximize usage and functionality.
- Landscape redesign to increase safety with more visibility.
- Providing repairs and maintenance to the exterior.

The Mountain View Library current exterior is a barrier to library service. The exterior is dated, and sidewalks are buckled, cracked, and uneven presenting a safety risk for library users as well as library staff. Building design and neglected landscaping also present safety concerns. The curved amphitheater wall and landscaping lack clear sight lines and creates spaces that are not visible from the street. Dated and dilapidated entry signage discourage the public from entering the library.

Comments

The Mountain View Library had 88,000 visitors in 2023 and has the second highest computer and WiFi usage in the system after Loussac as the highest. Mountain View has twice as many visitors as the Muldoon Branch library but only circulates about a quarter of the materials (27,000 items checked out in 2023). Visitors use the library primarily as a space to use the computer, access free WiFi, or to have a quiet place to read or study.

The library shares a parking lot with Clark Middle School and as a result draws a large after school crowd. However, the current space does not have a dedicated teen area to accommodate this group. With a child poverty rate of over 70% in the Mountain View Neighborhood, providing a safe and welcoming space for kids to access library materials is a priority for the library. This library is a core feature of the Mountain View neighborhood. With an expanded building it will be able to continue serving the residents and create spaces designed for the current needs of the community.



Mountain View Library Remodel

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000

Muldoon Library Relocation

Project ID	LIB2020001	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	January 2026
District	Assembly: Section 5, East, Seats H & I	End Date	December 2026
Community Council	Northeast		

Description

Construction of a new library in the Muldoon area as part of a joint facility with a new transit center. This effort is part of a Transit Oriented Development project with Anchorage People Mover. The library is working in collaboration with the Transit Department to develop a joint facility to house a new library and transit center. In 2024, the Transit Department submitted a Request for Proposals to begin the initial steps of finding a suitable location to meet both transit and library needs. Northeast Anchorage, which is comprised of Scenic Foothill and Northeast Community Council, is the fastest growing area in the Municipality. As of the last census, it totals 42,375 residents living in 16,670 single and multiple family households. A new library space is essential to serving the needs of this growing and diverse population. In 2023, the current library hosted 41,000 visits and circulated 71,000 items. By partnering with the transit department, the library will increase its accessibility to patrons.

Comments

In March 2007, the Municipality opened the Muldoon Library in the Muldoon Town Center mall. Over 70% of the area's population lives on the west of Muldoon Road; the library is on the east side, making it difficult to access difficult for the patrons with mobility issues, those who don't drive, as well as seniors and preteens—access is even more difficult during winter.

By residing in a leased facility, the library is restricted in its ability to respond to the needs of patrons or provide customized space for library use. The restrooms are located down along hallway and there are no windows within the library. Youth program attendance has outgrown the current program spaces and staff routinely have to turn away attendees due to space constraints. Nine Anchorage School District Elementary schools are in Muldoon Library's service area, six of which are Title I schools. There is a high need for the library's early literacy enrichment programs. The current space caps the library's ability to meet the needs of the community. 14.1% of the Northeast's population is over 65. Northeast has multiple senior housing facilities, including Chester Park, Woven House, and Centennial Village. Seniors make up a large number of regular users at the library who rely on the services for books, computer access and assistance, and programming.

Moving Municipal departments out of leased facilities and into Muni owned buildings is a continued municipal goal and provides more efficient operations for future improvements, maintenance, and library service changes. The Muldoon Library is our last neighborhood library in a leased facility.

Operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for this new library may include electric, gas, and water utilities and maintenance and operating labor and supplies, and will be dependent on the site, size, and features of the new library and may be offset by the cost reduction once the old location is no longer in use.

The exact percentage of cost the library will be asked to contribute is still unknown at this time.

Muldoon Library Relocation



Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000
Total (in thousands)		-	6,000	-	-	-	-	6,000

South Anchorage Library

Project ID	LIB2024002	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	January 2029
District		End Date	December 2029

Community Council

Description

Build a new building or remodel an existing Municipal building, such as a closed school, to open a new South Side Library.

Comments

The Samson-Diamond Library opened in 1977 and served the south side community for thirty-three years. In 2009, fourteen library positions were eliminated across Anchorage Public Library and in December 2010, the Samson-Diamond Library closed. The year it closed, the Samson Diamond branch had over 73,000 visits and checked out 68,000 items. Since its closure, residents have asked for library services on the South Side.

In June 2023, the library placed a remote locker in the Dimond Mall to allow patrons to pick up holds there. Due to consistent and increasing use of this locker, in 2024 the library purchased an addition to increase the locker capacity to meet demand. The locker is a positive step to increase library services, but a full branch is needed to truly serve the South Side and provide essential library services. Libraries are more than books. They are places for programming, access to computers and the internet, and library staff who provide information expertise and assistance. In an age when so many resources are available online (including some amazing library resources), the need for a physical building remains as relevant as ever. Some Anchorage residents do not have reliable to the internet, which is essential for navigating government resources, applying for a job, or even communicating long distance. South Anchorage has a lack of available meeting spaces for public use allowing a potential library location to both serve a community need and provide rental revenue. In 2023, the Anchorage saw 532,000 visitors to the five locations.

Version 2025 Proposed

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000