

Municipality of Anchorage  
Library Advisory Board Agenda  
Microsoft Teams Virtual & In-Person Meeting  
Loussac Library (note: moved to Moose Room)

July 16, 2025

**Attendance**

\_\_\_\_\_ Debra Bronson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Megan Cacciola  
\_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Garrett  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jen Griffis  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marc Johnson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wade Hampton Miller  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rachel Odom  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meneka Thiru  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cristy Willer

Topic	Leader	Time	Action
Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement	Cristy Willer	5:30	
Roll Call & book recommendations	Cristy Willer	5:35	
Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Cristy Willer	5:40	
Mission Moment: E-Rate program	Celia Hartz Automation & Patron Services Coordinator	5:50	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Report</li><li>Code of Conduct Policy and APL Photography and Filming Policy</li></ul>	Marjorie Harrison Director	6:15	
Persons to be Heard	TBA	6:40	
Board Comments and Adjourn	Cristy Willer	6:55	

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Loussac Library  
June 18, 2025

**Attendance**

E	Debra Bronson
X	Megan Cacciola
E	Olivia Garrett
X	Jen Griffis
X	Marc Johnson
X	Wade Hampton Miller
X	Rachel Odom
E	Meneka Thiru
X	Cristy Willer

**X = Present, E = Excused, U = Unexcused, PH = Phone, remote = Teams**

**Staff**

Marjorie Harrison (Director); Mollie Roache (Budget Coordinator); Rebecca Lampert (Time Administrator)

**Guest**

None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Cristy Willer at 5:38 pm.

**Land Acknowledgment**

Cristy Willer acknowledged that the Board meets on the traditional lands of the Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina Athabascan people.

**Approvals**

- Action: The agenda was approved as presented. (Member Odom motioned, Member Griffis seconded.)
- Action: Minutes from the May 21, 2025 LAB meeting were approved. (Member Cacciola motioned, Member Johnson seconded.)

**Staff Presentations:**

- Ms. Harrison and Ms. Roache led the LAB on a tour of potential capital projects at Loussac Library.
- Mollie Roache, Budget Coordinator, gave a presentation regarding the FY 2026 budget, starting with a look-back at 2024 and 2025 budgets and projects. She was asked to follow up by distributing a copy of her excellent powerpoint.

**Guest Presentations: None**

**Director's Report:** The May Board Report was distributed and is on file. Ms. Harrison also provided an update on the continuation of IMLS funding.

**Board Action:** Member Hampton Miller motioned (seconded by Member Griffis), that the Library Advisory Board send notes to the Alaska delegation, thanking them for continuing IMLS funding and encouraging them to support its continuation. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

## Education & Skills for Life

### Recent Accomplishments

- Lisa Bricker (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) and Keelin Baughman (Teen Services Librarian, Loussac Library) presented to 25 school librarians at the Alaska School Library Learning Academy in June. They covered Anchorage Public Library's Youth Services Department's book selection and collection management criteria. Keelin also presented two sessions on how to repair books.
- Mountain View Library's Kid's Summer Gardening Club, in partnership with Anchor Gardens, kicked off with four enthusiastic participants, all fully engaged and ready to dig in for a season of growing and learning!

### Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Loussac Adult Services will host *Titanic of the North: the 1918 Wreck of the SS Princess Sophia* the week of July 14 through the end of August on the 3rd floor. This interactive exhibit chronicles the worst shipwreck to occur in the Pacific Northwest, where over 350 passengers were lost when the ship hit Vanderbilt Reef near Juneau and sank with all aboard during a winter storm.
- Sarah Preskitt (Adult Services Coordinator) is working with the 18 UAA faculty members who responded to a call out for speakers. Originally scheduled for monthly presentations at Loussac Library from September through December, the UAA Speaker Series will launch in September and run through the Spring 2026 semester at multiple APL locations due to speaker interest.

### Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

## Bridge to Information and Resources

### Recent Accomplishments

- David Kreiss-Tomkins (Community Resource Librarian) worked with the Anchorage Health Department's Community Safety and Development team to host a three-hour pop-up tabling session at Loussac Library using the library's laptops to register patrons for emergency rental assistance. He connected with 25 people.
- Emily Paige (Collections Management Services (CMS) Coordinator) with Misty Rose Nesvick, (Communications Coordinator) sent out a 6-question Hoopla use survey on June 20 to over 5,000 active Hoopla users. 1,324 responses were received during the 10 days the survey was open. As the survey prefaced, "Due to increased demand and rising costs, Anchorage Public Library is considering changes to our digital collection which includes hoopla. These changes may include replacing hoopla with other vendors who provide similar access to resources, or making adjustments to how hoopla is offered to our cardholders." Thus, the purpose of the survey was to help guide decisions regarding digital resources and budget needs, "while serving our community and the growing use of digital items." More information about the survey results will be forthcoming.
- Sam Dinges (Reference Librarian, Loussac Library) represented APL at the Juneteenth Anchorage Citywide Celebration, holding over 60 conversations with attendees about Library offerings and signing up nine attendees for new library cards.



- Muldoon Library hosted a Planting Party on June 14. Volunteers from Anchor Gardens gave a short presentation on container planting and then assisted participants as they filled the concrete planter in the library parking lot.

### Next Steps/Coming Soon

- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian, Loussac Library) and Joy White (Adult Services Senior Library Assistant, Loussac Library) worked together to create a presentation of APL resources and services for the Aging and Disability Resource Center's monthly Brown Bag Education Series. Sandy will present for the series on Tuesday, July 8.

### Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

## Building Community

### Recent Accomplishments

- Systemwide Summer Discovery programs have been well-attended at all branches. In particular:
  - The Krambambuli Puppet Theatre presented their version of Stone Soup to 311 attendees across all five locations, with 118 at Loussac Library, 91 at Chugiak-Eagle River Library, 34 at Muldoon Library, 18 at Mountain View Library, and 50 at Gerrish (Girdwood) Library.
  - The Meet and Greet with Goats from The Tiny Home(stead) brought in a record-breaking 1,312 attendees across all events, with 700 at Loussac Library, 250 at Chugiak-Eagle River Library, 165 at Muldoon Library, 102 at Mountain View Library, and 95 at Gerrish (Girdwood) Library. **(see photos below)**
  - The Science Discovery events co-hosted with the Campbell Creek Science Center brought in 193 attendees at three events between Loussac Library, Chugiak-Eagle River Library, and Mountain View Library.
- Branch-specific, librarian-led events have also done well:
  - Gerrish (Girdwood) Library hosted 21 people at their Plant and Play program and 17 came to make their own buttons.
  - Loussac Library had 24 come design and play their own board games. Kelsey Skrobis (Youth Services Librarian, Loussac Library) facilitated this program to a small, but dedicated group. One family indicated that they attended another board game program at Loussac Library a few months ago and one of their children has become extremely interested in making up her own games as a result. She came to the library that day with a game idea ready to go!
- June Summer Discovery registrations: 1,032 (including 459 elementary-aged children). This is a 7% increase in registrations over June 2024. Total registrations so far are 3,241.
- Mountain View Library was recognized by Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) at their World Refugee Day event for our ongoing outreach partnership. This honor is thanks in large part to Kim Cameron's (Youth Services Librarian, Mountain View Library) outstanding work, leading bi-weekly Storytimes at the RAIS facility and hosting family events at Mountain View Library. Her efforts have built strong connections with refugee families and reflect our commitment to inclusive, community-centered service. **(see photo below)**
- Muldoon Library joined the Annual Spirit of Muldoon Picnic at Chanshtnu Park on June 14. Over 100 participants came for music, fun, and food.
- Kim Cameron (Youth Services Librarian, Mountain View Library) and Kristie Nelsen (Adult Services Librarian, Loussac Library) conducted outreach at the Pride Pop-up event at Grow North Farm, engaging with 25 attendees and celebrating inclusion, visibility, and community connection.

- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian), David Kreiss-Tompkins (Community Resource Librarian), and Sara Rollins (Shelver, Loussac Library) decorated the book cart for the Anchorage Pride Parade that APL staff attended on June 28.
- Sandy Lukes (Outreach Librarian) and Ann Glenn (Marketing Assistant) tabled at the Downtown Summer Solstice Event and signed up 25 people for library cards. They had 183 interactions and ran out of swag and library promotional materials due to enthusiastic engagement.

### Next Steps/Coming Soon

- The Gerrish (Girdwood) Library is working on setting up an Author Visit in August with Tricia Brown, author of *The Queen of Fairbanks*.

### Limiting Factors/Concerns

- None at this time.

## Internal Goals and Strategies

### Recent Accomplishments

- Collection Management Services by the numbers [June]

Task	Number of Items
Collection Maintenance- Updates to existing items	1,492
Donations- Added to the collection from community donations	95
New Item Processing- Books, movies etc., added to the collection	1,857

- Emily Paige (CMS Coordinator) completed a review of the book collection in the Ann Stevens Room, moved damaged material into storage to be reviewed later, organized the remaining materials, and added in a couple dozen donated Alaskan titles. The two book sets that had been added to the room in February (the “100 greatest Books Ever Written” leather bound set donated to the Friends of the Library and the “Birds of North America” set that had been removed from Loussac’s general reference collection) were also integrated in with the rest of the Ann Stevens Room collection. Ariel Mortem (Technical Services (TS) Supervisor) and the TS team will be moving forward with inventorying the Ann Stevens Room collection; this special collection will remain as an in-library-use only collection.
- The Collection Management Policy was updated and put into effect on June 2. The new policy has been posted on the library’s website on the Policies page.
- Anchorage Public Library staff completed 48 trainings in June on topics such as “Dementia: How to work with people with Dementia and Alzheimer’s”, “Genealogy 101 for Librarians: : How to get started assisting family history researchers”, and “Backup: How coworkers should provide backup during conflict!”.
- Mountain View Library staff, using insights from the recent space audit, have relocated new books, large print collections, and the hold shelf to better highlight our materials, while adding more seating and workspace for visitors.
- George Felder (Information Specialist, Loussac Library) retired on June 30 following 24 years of service with the Municipality of Anchorage. We wish him well in retirement!
- Thirteen workgroups were formed to address strategic plan priorities: Operations and Change Management, Community, Employee Recognition, Communication, Safety & Security, Historic Knowledge, Organizational Structure, Onboarding, Cross-Training, Leadership & Team Culture, Core Values, Mobile Library, and Evaluation Structure.

### **Next Steps/Coming Soon**

- In June, Anchorage Public Library staff received the concept plan from GHD architectural firm for the Downtown Library to be located in Old City Hall. GHD presented at the Historic Preservation Commission and Marjorie Harrison (Library Director) presented at the Anchorage Assembly Committee for Quality Government Services. Public input will be sought in July through a “virtual open house” online as well as Elizabeth Nicolai (Assistant Library Director) and Marjorie attending Downtown Community Council and setting up a table during a Fridays on Fourth concert on July 11.

### **Limiting Factors/Concerns**

- None at this time.

## **Library Board Updates**

### **Recent Accomplishments**

- None at this time.

### **Next Steps/Coming Soon**

- Friends of the Library do not meet in July. The August meeting will be a joint meeting with the Gerrish (Girdwood) Library boosters at Gerrish (Girdwood) Library on August 13.

### **Limiting Factors/Concerns**

- None at this time.

## Social Media/Photos

Part of Summer Discovery 2025 Meet and Greet with Goats program from The Tiny Home(stead) at the Gerrish (Girdwood) Library.



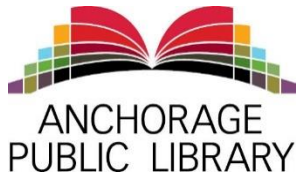
Summer Discovery Goats at Mountain View

World Refugee Day – Community Partner Award received by Kim Cameron (Youth Services Librarian, Mountain View Library)



Muldoon Library Planting Party





## CODE OF CONDUCT

Library P&P No: (X-Y)	Effective Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Supersedes P&P No.: (Z-A)	Previous version dated: (4/21/2021)
Final approval by:	

## PURPOSE

Anchorage Public Library (APL) welcomes every member of the community to use and enjoy our libraries. To ensure that all visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience, we have the following expectations.

All people using library services are entitled to:

- use library resources and services without discrimination
- receive friendly and respectful service
- expect free and equal access to information
- enjoy a clean and safe environment
- make proper use of the library and its resources without interference

## POLICY

All patrons are expected to follow this Patron Code of Conduct. It applies to every location at which the Library provides service, including but not limited to on Library property, at outreach events, and through communications (website, social media, phone, chat, and email). Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for the children or dependents in their care. Children under the age of 8 must be actively supervised by a responsible person age 14 or older.

Library patrons are expected to:

- be safe
- be respectful of other patrons and Library Staff
- be respectful of Library property
- follow the directions given by Library Staff
- Comply with Library policies and obey the law

Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable assistance by calling (907) 343-2975 or emailing [askalibrarian@anchorageak.gov](mailto:askalibrarian@anchorageak.gov).

The Library Code of Conduct is divided into three sections:

Category	Description	Consequence
A	Disrupts other patrons' ability to use the Library and Staff's ability to serve patrons.	Not allowed to use the library for up to two days.
B	Serious Library-specific violations and violations towards people or property.	Not allowed to use the library between one week and one year.
C	Severe violations towards people or property.	Not allowed to use the library for up to two years.

Library Staff will engage with patrons, in cooperation with Security, to warn patrons when appropriate and/or remove any individual who violates this Code of Conduct. Failure to follow APL policy and Staff directions could result in restriction of library privileges, immediate removal from the premises, trespass from the Library for a period of one day to two years, or arrest and prosecution for violation of criminal law. The same or similar violations within one year may result in increased consequences for the same or similar violation. Restrictions apply to all Library locations and services within our system. If a patron wishes to appeal a trespass, they should appeal the action by writing to the Library Director. The Library Director will provide a written response within 14 business days.

**Category A: Disrupts other patrons' ability to use the Library and Staff's ability to serve patrons.**

1. Failure to follow local or state emergency orders when activated.
2. Loud disruptive behavior.
3. Unattended items, or items that disrupt other patrons' ability to use the Library and Staff's ability to serve, blocking exits, or violating fire code.
4. Bringing bicycles, shopping carts, or other large, wheeled conveyances inside library buildings.
  - a. Wheelchairs, strollers, and mobility devices are only permitted if being used as transportation for, or as a mobility device by, an adult or child.
  - b. Skates, skateboards, sleds, scooters, hoverboards, and other similar devices must be carried while on library property. Bicycles should be stored in designated bicycle racks.
5. Failure to wear footwear or clothing covering both your upper and lower torso.
6. Bringing any animal into library facilities, except for service animals that are trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations.
7. Failing to supervise dependent adults and children in care.
8. Eating, drinking, or displaying open food or liquid containers in the library facilities outside of designated snack areas.
9. Sleeping, or the appearance of sleeping.
10. Inappropriate use of Library grounds including littering, moving furniture without Staff permission, soliciting, or distributing materials without Staff approval.



11. Smoking, vaping, chewing, or other tobacco and cannabis use in accordance with Municipal code and State Law
12. Rolling or preparation of tobacco or cannabis.
13. Body odor, lack of hygiene, or other odors that unreasonably interfere with others' ability to use the Library and/or Staff's ability to serve others.
14. Spitting or expelling bodily fluids outside of toilets, urinals, or sinks.
15. Possession, use, or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.
16. Using the restrooms or other Library facilities for bathing, shampooing, or laundry.
17. Breaking rules in the *APL Computer and Internet Use Policy*.

**Category B: Serious Library-specific violations and violations towards people or property.**

1. Verbal or physical harassment. (Includes all form of electronic media)
2. Entering a library facility or grounds while trespassed.
3. Misuse and/or abuse of Library materials, equipment, furniture, or facility.
4. Refusal to remove an illegally parked vehicle when requested by Staff and/or Security.
5. Impeding or refusing to exit the building during a safety evacuation.
6. Refusal to follow Library Staff or Security instructions.

**Category C: Severe violations towards people or property.**

1. Brandishing a firearm or dangerous weapon in violation of law.
2. Sexual harassment. (Includes all forms of electronic media.)
3. Unwanted and/or illicit interactions with minors.
4. Threatening behaviors: verbal, physical, written, or visual (includes all forms of electronic media).
5. Damage or theft to personal or Library property in facilities or on ground.
6. Trespassing by being in public spaces of the library outside of Library operating hours, being in nonpublic areas, or refusing to leave Library property after being issued a Notice of Trespass.
7. Offensive touching and obscene acts.
8. Watching pornographic material.

## **DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED**

All Municipality of Anchorage libraries, including departments/staff that are housed within or visiting these locations.

## **REFERENCES**

- [13 AAC 50](#)
- [28 CFR § 35.136 Service animals](#)
- [AMC 8.25 – Weapon offenses](#)
- [AMC 8.45.010 - Trespass](#)
- [AMC 14.70.090 Misuse and abuse of library material](#)
- [AMC 16.90.010 – Smoking in municipal structures](#)
- [AS 17.38.040 – Public consumption banned, penalty](#)

## DEFINITIONS

**Category** - a method of defining an infraction with associated consequences.

**Code of Conduct** - a set of rules and guidelines outlining acceptable behavior and expectations for all persons visiting APL Libraries.

**Consequence** - a result or effect of an action or condition

**Harassment** - aggressive pressure or intimidation.

**Threatening Behavior** - conduct, whether verbal, written, or physical, that is intended to instill fear or apprehension of harm in another person

**Trespassing** - entering or remaining on someone else's property without their permission or the right to do so.

**Violations** - an act that goes against a law, regulation, or agreement.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Security Department – Implement Code of Conduct rules and associated trespass terms.
2. Facility Manager – Work with Security to ensure compliance and evaluate compliance with the Code of Conduct. Work with Security to evaluate building protocols and associated operational procedures.
3. Facility Coordinator - Work with Security to ensure compliance and evaluate compliance with the Code of Conduct. Work with Security to evaluate building protocols and associated operational procedures.
4. Librarian in Charge – Work alongside the Security Department to address any concerns from patrons and staff alike.
5. APL Leadership Team. Meet to discuss any high-level infractions against the Code of Conduct associated with Category (C)
6. All Staff – understand and implement with patrons

## PROCEDURE

Refer to the Code of Conduct Procedure Guide and Code of Conduct for Children Procedure

## ANNUAL REVIEW DATE AND LEAD REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY

Reviewed annually in the first quarter by the Operations Team at Anchorage Public Library.



Recommended for approval by: (APL DIRECTOR NAME, DATE)

Approved by: (MOA LEGAL REP NAME, DATE)

Approved by: (MUNICIPAL MANAGER NAME, DATE)

List reviews and/or edits for the previous 10 years.

Review Date	Review Agency	Review/Edit
TBD when revisions are finished	Library Operations Team	Edited
4/21/2021	Library Code of Conduct Committee	Edited
2017	Library Code of Conduct Committee	Edited



ANCHORAGE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING POLICY

Effective Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Approval Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Supersedes P&P: Photography and Filming Policy	Previous version dated: (09/17/2008)
Final approval by:  (LIBRARY DIRECTOR SIGNATURE)	

### 1. PURPOSE

To ensure equitable and consistent access to the public to capture video and images on library buildings and grounds.

### 2. POLICY

The Library's most significant priority is to provide library services to the community in accordance with the library's mission. It is the policy of the library to provide library users with a safe and disruptive free experience at the library.

### 3. ORGANIZATIONS/DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED

All Anchorage Public Library locations and everywhere the Library provides services, including but not limited to Library property and at outreach events.

### 4. REFERENCES

P&P 01-01

Library Code of Conduct

### 5. DEFINITIONS

Library Administrator – the Library Director or designee, Communications Coordinator, Facility Manager or if a Branch Library the Branch Manager and designee.

Library Mission – Connecting people to education, information, and community.

Library Property- Loussac Library building and grounds excluding Assembly Chambers or designated Anchorage Assembly meeting rooms. Branch libraries buildings

Library Services- Checking out or reviewing library materials, attending library sponsored events, meeting in private groups, interacting with library staff, using computers, or individual activities such as studying or quiet contemplation.

## 6. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) The Library Administrator reserves the right to disallow or terminate any photography or filming which:
  - a) Violates the Library *Code of Conduct* or policies
  - a) Interferes with the safety or security of library patrons, staff, or facilities
  - a) Disrupts or inconveniences normal library use
- 2) The library may request a copy of any publication or video footage used with the intent to make a profit for inclusion in the Library's collections (if deemed appropriate and is reasonably feasible).
- 3) Groups renting Library facilities may arrange for photographs and filming during their event. Photography or filming is restricted to the library facility reserved by the group. Any photography or filming outside the library facility reserved by the group shall be in accord with this policy.
- 4) All photographers and videographers are responsible for securing all necessary permissions and releases.
- 5) Photographing and filming may be done only when the library is open unless otherwise authorized by the Library.
- 6) All users are responsible for obtaining their own permissions when photographing copyrighted material in the library.

## 7. PROCEDURE

- a) **Photography or filming consistent with or incidental to normal patronage to receive library services.** Photography and filming of this nature is always allowed, provided that it is not disruptive to or interferes with Library operations and the privacy of patrons is respected. Examples of this type of filming or photography include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Parents filming or photographing their children;
  - a) Photography or filming for personal use
  - a) Other filming or photography consistent with normal use of library services.
- a) **Filming inconsistent with normal patronage to receive Library services.** All users photographing or filming in a manner that differs from the above category must first notify the Library Administrator. The Library Administrator may, at their discretion, refuse or allow this type of filming or photography and may halt any disruptive filming or

photography. Examples of this type of filming or photography include, but are not limited to:

- a. Filming or photographing with the intent to make a profit;
- b. Filming or photographing for the purpose of news media;
- c. Filming or photographing with the use of supplemental equipment such as lighting, backdrops, multiple cameras, tripods, props/furniture, etc.;
- d. Filming or photographing outside of normal Library hours;
- e. Filming or photographing a subject not related to normal Library services.

## 8. ANNUAL REVIEW DATE/LEAD REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY

The Communications Coordinator shall review this document for approval by APL's Leadership Team every five years for any needed revisions.

List reviews and/or edits for the previous 10 years		
Review Date	Review Personnel	Review/Edit
5/28/2025	Library Director	Review
5/28/2025	Leadership Team	Review/Edit
5/24/2025	Communications Coordinator	Edited
10/29/2024	MOA Legal	Review

**Recommended for approval by: (LIBRARY DIRECTOR NAME, DATE)**

**Approved by: (MOA LEGAL REP NAME, DATE)**

**Zachary Swartz , October 29, 2024**

**Approved by: (MUNICIPAL MANAGER NAME, DATE)**



# CONNECTION

**WE'RE HERE FOR YOU AT ALL AGES AND LIFE STAGES.**

Connecting people to education, information, and community.



## **Programs.**

Join us for crafting, workshops, book clubs, conversation groups, storytimes and more. Programs connect our community and offer opportunities to learn and grow together.



## **Research.**

*The Alaska Collection*, at Loussac Library, holds over 20,000 items to assist those conducting research as well as those interested in a weekend read about Alaska's people and historic events.



## **Support.**

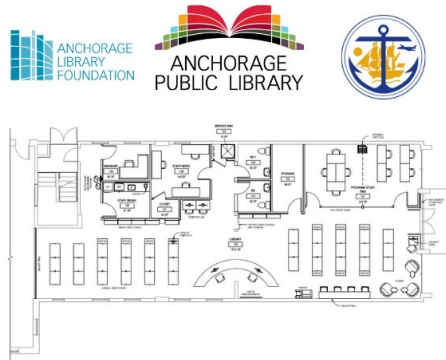
Your Library has tools for job seekers, students, or those looking to grow in their career; including practice tests, job search and education resources, computers and wifi.



## **Books.**

Ebooks and audiobooks from popular fiction to Alaska history. Available to download and stream to phones, tablets, e-readers and computers.

**Free to you with an Anchorage Public Library card.**



## Downtown Library Branch

### Background:

On January 7, 2025, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Assembly authorized the signing of agreements between the MOA and the Anchorage Library Foundation (ALF) for the construction and operations of a Downtown Library as a branch of the Anchorage Public Library (APL) system.

MOA personnel quickly began working under term contracts with GHD Architecture and Coffman Engineers. There is a deadline at the end of 2026 to expend the construction money.

Design and construction are funded by a grant from the State of Alaska. The operations will be funded by a trust held by ALF set up after a bequest from Janet Cameron Goetz.

### Scope of Public Input:

While many of the structural elements are locked in due to the building constraints, the library is seeking public input on how the public would use the downtown library. This would inform the type of materials within the library, staffing priorities, programming options, and more.

Plans and feedback available at [bit.ly/APLDowntownLibraryProject](https://bit.ly/APLDowntownLibraryProject) or scan QR code.

### Schedule for Public Input:

- June 11, 2025 — Draft report sent from GHD to APL staff.
- Late June 2025 — Draft report shared with Friends of the Library, Anchorage Library Foundation, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- July 7, 2025 — Library website is updated with project information and survey questions.
- Early July 2025 — Information shared through Anchorage Downtown Partnership.
- July 9, 2025 — Library staff attend Downtown Community Council.
- July 11, 2025 — Library Staff available with project boards at the Fridays on 4th concert
- Week of July 14, 2025 — Cost estimates for project available.
- July 27, 2025 — Public Input closed
- August 1, 2025 — Public Input reviewed and collated to be shared with GHD.





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Sample questions for public input will include:

- How will you use the downtown library?
- What age of household members will come with you to the library?
- Would you go to the downtown library for an event? What type of event would you like to go to at the library?
- What type of connectivity do you need at the downtown library? (i.e. WiFi for a personal device, a desktop computer to access, charging ports for personal devices, etc.)
- What types of materials and/or resources would you check out from the downtown library?
- If you had to place a hold for later pick up, how long would you wait for an item at the downtown library?
- Would you use the downtown library to meet with other people? What size of groups?

Plans and feedback available here: [bit.ly/APLDowntownLibraryProject](https://bit.ly/APLDowntownLibraryProject)

### Schedule for Public Input:

- June 11, 2025 — Draft report sent from GHD to APL staff.
- Late June 2025 — Draft report shared with Friends of the Library, Anchorage Library Foundation, and Historic Preservation Commission.
- July 7, 2025 — Library website is updated with project information and survey questions.
- Early July 2025 — Information shared through Anchorage Downtown Partnership.
- July 9, 2025 — Library staff attend Downtown Community Council.
- July 11, 2025 — Library Staff available with project boards at the Fridays on Fourth concert
- Week of July 14, 2025 — Cost estimates for project available.
- July 24, 2025 — Public Input closed
- August 1, 2025 — Public Input reviewed and collated to be shared with GHD.