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**The Anchorage Public Library Is Not Accepting Book/Media Donations  
between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Z.J. Loussac Library Preparing First Floor Space for New Front Entrance Grand  
Opening*

*Anchorage, Alaska – April 27, 2017 – In preparation for relocating several library departments to their new work space, APL will not accept book and/or media donations between May 1 and August 31, 2017.*

Donations are warehoused in a first-floor area affectionately referred to as “the dungeon.” However, this area needs to get ready to house several patron services and staff that check items in, sort, shelve, and deal with media problems or issues.

“Once construction ends and the new entrance and living room spaces are opened, construction efforts will shift to where the current temporary entrance is to install automated handling and various other library service areas,” said Sherri Douglas, Assistant Director for Public Services. “The dungeon is needed as a work space and can no longer house the thousands of donated books we have.”

The donations moratorium is temporary and APL anticipates being able to receive donations once again beginning September 1, 2017.

“We are very grateful to our community for supporting the library through their donations,” Douglas continued. “That generosity allows many programs to be funded, which otherwise wouldn’t be.”

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