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**New beautiful, fluid, functional entrance and structural updates
open to the public July 19th**

Z. J. Loussac Public Library Closure Scheduled July 4th - 18th

Anchorage, Alaska – June 27, 2017 – Loussac Library will close for two weeks in preparation for opening the new entrance and other renovated public spaces. During the closure, several library departments and services will relocate to their new work areas. The library will reopen Wednesday, July 19th for normal business hours. A family-friendly picnic is scheduled for that evening on the Loussac lawn from 4-7 p.m. to celebrate the completion of this phase.

An outdoor book drop located by the staff parking area will be in use from July 21 through August 31 as the new automated book handling system is installed.

Holds requiring pick-up at Loussac will not be allowed starting Monday, June 26 and lasting the duration of the closure. During this time, patrons may place items on hold and designate a different APL location (other than Loussac) from which to pick them up. All branch locations will remain open during their usual scheduled hours.

Mary Jo Torgeson, Library Director, explained the closing is necessary to move library staff and equipment to their permanent redesigned locations.

“We are all very excited that this phase of construction is coming to an end! Our patrons have been very patient through the renovation process and we believe they will be rewarded when they walk through the new entrance and experience the dramatic changes including lots of natural daylight through the new two-story, glass entry and the second floor living-room-like area where patrons can enjoy light and a panoramic view of Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

This multi-phase project enhances Z.J. Loussac Library with new spaces outside and with new interior improvements that provide additional space for library operations. Just like a conduit or portal, the final library structure will be more accessible, efficient, and beautiful.

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