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**Z. J. Loussac Public Library Closure  
Scheduled June 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

*New beautiful, fluid, functional entrance and structural updates open to the public June 27th*

Anchorage, Alaska – May 14, 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 Tuesday, June 27.

All branch locations will remain open during their usual scheduled hours. Patrons will also be able to place holds and Interlibrary Loan holds online; however, patrons will have to designate a location other than Loussac from which to pick up.

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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