

2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Year	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Facilities						
Learning Commons Renovation	2024	75	-	-	-	75
Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation	2025	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition	2024	300	-	-	-	300
Rotundo Alaska Room	2024	50	-	-	-	50
Libraries						
Muldoon Library Relocation	2024	500	-	-	-	500
	2025	2,000	3,000	-	-	5,000
		2,500	3,000	-	-	5,500
Total		5,175	3,000	-	-	8,175

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation

Project ID	LIB2020004	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2023
District		End Date	December 2025

Community Council

Description

This project will renovate the children’s area on the second floor of Loussac Library. One of the most popular and well-used spaces in the Library, the area has not been updated since the Library opened in 1986. In addition to an outdated floor plan that hinders efficiency, the space looks worn down and the carpet is unpeeling and worn in many places. The project includes architectural and engineering design; replacement of carpet, shelving, and furniture; lighting, structural, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades; and a reconfiguration of the layout to be more welcoming to children and more efficient for the modern needs of a library.

The 2013 Loussac Library Master Plan and a 2017 cost estimate by HMS put the project at \$2.35M (includes construction, architectural/engineering (A/E), project management, permits, 1% for art, and contingency).

Comments

Generations of Alaskans have grown up in the Loussac Library children’s area. It is a place where our children take their first steps, read their first words, and meet their first friends. It is also where they learn about being part of a community that is bigger than themselves and their families. Parents come to the space because it allows them to meet other supportive adults, find resources for parenting, and introduce their children to the joy of reading.

However, after over thirty years of use, the children’s area is showing its age. The children who first enjoyed the space are now bringing their own kids. An investment in this space will show our community that Anchorage cares about and invests in our young people. The Library is a critical piece in our community’s early literacy initiatives, and a commitment in this area is needed more than ever. In Anchorage, only 43% of students enter Kindergarten ready to learn. A vibrant and exciting children’s area at Loussac Library can be a centerpiece for our city to overcome this grim statistic.

Already a popular space, the Library has full audiences for daily storytimes and can bring in thousands for special events like Harry Potter’s Birthday and Noon Year’s Eve. A newly renovated children’s area will draw even larger audiences and ensure that more Anchorage families take advantage of this valuable resource for early learning and childhood development.

Version 2023 Proposed

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
Total (in thousands)		-	-	2,250	-	-	-	2,250

Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition

Project ID	LIB2021001	Department	Library
Project Type	Upgrade	Start Date	June 2024
District	19-J: Mountainview/Airport Heights	End Date	December 2026

Community Council

Description

Opened in 2009, the Mountain View Library has demand and usage that far exceeds the original capacity of the building. The original floor plan for the building does not adequately serve today's needs--there is a demand for computers and collaborative work areas, dedicated teen areas, and small study rooms that the Library is currently unable to meet. Additionally, after almost ten years of heavy wear-and-tear, the building is in need of new paint, surfaces, and furniture. This critical infusion of maintenance and upgrades at the ten-year+ mark will make sure the Municipality extends the life of this valuable community asset.

Version 2023 Proposed

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	300	-	-	-	-	300
Total (in thousands)		-	300	-	-	-	-	300

Muldoon Library Relocation

Project ID	LIB2020001	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	June 2024
District	Assembly: Section 5, Seats H & I	End Date	December 2027

Community Council

Description

Construction of a new library location in the Muldoon area. The first year request is for architectural and engineering design costs, and year two is for construction costs.

Comments

The library plans to move to a new location that has better visibility and is more closely tied into the recent housing and retail developments that have grown in the area. There is an increased population and development moving into the Muldoon area, creating a need and opportunity for the library to lease a space that is better suited for community needs. Improvements would include a building with better visibility, a meeting room that could be used when the library is closed, and more space for local teens and children.

The operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for this new library may include electric, gas, and water utilities and maintenance and operating supplies, and will be dependent on the site, size, and features of the new library and may be offset by the cost reduction from the old location.

Version 2023 Proposed

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	500	2,000	-	-	-	2,500
SOA Grant Revenue-Direct	401900 - Areawide General CIP Grant	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Total (in thousands)		-	500	5,000	-	-	-	5,500

