

2024 Capital Improvement Budget Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Loussac Library Alaska Room Window Repairs/Replacements	50	-	-	-	50
Total	50	-	-	-	50

2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program Library Department

(in thousands)

Projects	Year	Bonds	State	Federal	Other	Total
Facilities						
Chugiak-Eagle River Library Carpet Replacement	2026	150	-	-	-	150
Loussac Library Alaska Room Window Repairs/Replacements	2024	50	-	-	-	50
Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation	2025	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
Loussac Library Electric Mobile Shelving Downgrade	2027	50	-	-	-	50
Loussac Library Learning Commons Renovation	2025	200	-	-	-	200
Loussac Library Pathway to Cuddy Park	2027	150	-	-	-	150
Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition	2025	350	-	-	-	350
Muldoon Library Relocation	2025	500	-	-	-	500
	2026	2,000	3,000	-	-	5,000
		2,500	3,000	-	-	5,500
Total		5,700	3,000	-	-	8,700

Chugiak-Eagle River Library Carpet Replacement

Project ID LIB2019006 **Department** Library
Project Type Replacement **Start Date** June 2026
District Assembly: Section 2, Chugiak/Eagle River, Seats A & C **End Date** December 2027

Community Council

Description

After fifteen years of heavy use, the carpet at the Chugiak-Eagle River Library is wearing down and in need of replacement.

Comments

Anchorage Public Library's (APL) busiest neighborhood library opened in the Eagle River Town Center on August 12, 2009. The 18,000 square-foot library has expanded book and media collections, separate areas for children and teens, group study rooms, and a large, welcoming reading area for all ages. The Chugiak-Eagle River Library sees over 80,000 visits and circulates over 160,000 items a year. This modest upgrade will keep the building looking new and well-cared for so the Library can continue to serve the community for the next ten years.

Version 2024 Proposed

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	150	-	-	-	150
Total (in thousands)		-	-	150	-	-	-	150

Loussac Library Alaska Room Window Repairs/Replacements

Project ID LIB2023001 **Department** Library
Project Type Replacement **Start Date** January 2024
District Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G **End Date** December 2024

Community Council

Description

The windows in the rotunda of the Alaska Wing at Z. J. Loussac Library are original to the 38-year-old structure and are in need of replacement. Because the windows are curved, it is more cost effective and feasible to repair them. The seals are worn and there is condensation between the panes which does not look aesthetically pleasing.

The windows will be re-glazed and re-sealed. The frames will not be replaced but will be re-used. Most of the project can be done from the outside thus alleviating noise/stress and the continuation of daily business.

Additional renovations to return Alaska Collection materials to this wing will begin in late 2024, but the renovation funding does not include window replacement or repair as the renovations to accommodate the Alaska Collection were initially going to take place in another area of the building.



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Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	50	-	-	-	-	-	50
Total (in thousands)		50	-	-	-	-	-	50

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation

Project ID	LIB2020004	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	June 2023
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2025

Community Council

Description

This project will renovate the children's area on the second floor of Z. J. 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 which could result in a trip hazard. There have been many efforts to piecemeal the carpet area together resulting in non-matching colors and design. Operationally, there are many work orders submitted by staff to adjust the temperatures in offices and common areas on a daily basis. The inefficient current heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system results in extra day-to-day operational expenses.

The project includes architectural and engineering design; replacement of carpet, shelving, and furniture; lighting, structural, and 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 overall modern design will need to be uniform and appealing to both patrons and children alike.

The 2013 Z. J. 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) for a spring 2021 construction date.

The Library seeks guidance from the Administration on the best approach to fund this project, potentially over several bond cycles. We could use a first-year bond to fund fees, as well as some of the most critical needs, and seek a second bond to complete the project. It is possible that if a bond is passed, the Library Foundation could use that to leverage future private funding.

Comments

Generations of Alaskans have grown up in the Z. J. 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 Z. J. 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.

Loussac Library Children's Area Renovation



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Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250
Total (in thousands)		-	2,250	-	-	-	-	2,250

Loussac Library Electric Mobile Shelving Downgrade

Project ID LIB2023003 **Department** Library
Project Type Replacement **Start Date** February 2027
District **End Date** December 2027

Community Council

Description

Z. J. Loussac Library is required by code to store all municipal documents permanently. The current space saver electric shelving we have is pre-1990. The model can no longer be serviced and we are unable to access many of the documents without assistance from maintenance to move the shelves. We are asking to replace these movable shelves in the Z. J. Loussac Library storage room with manual movable shelving. This way it will not require regular maintenance and will never stop us from accessing easily documents needed.



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Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	50	-	-	50
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	50	-	-	50

Loussac Library Learning Commons Renovation

Project ID	LIB2023002	Department	Library
Project Type	Renovation	Start Date	January 2024
District	Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G	End Date	December 2025

Community Council

Description

The Z. J. Loussac Library 4th floor Learning Commons is a rental area and is used daily for Youth Services programs. It is the only large area for youth programs to use where we sometimes have upward to 75 children. The current vinyl flooring is torn and worn in various areas which may eventually become a tripping hazard. The entire floor, including carpeted section, needs to be replaced including levelling and waterproof underlayment. Additionally, walls would need to be patched and painted.

An evaluation would be conducted regarding the necessity of multiple electrical and IT drops to accommodate the various entities using the space. There are old green cabinets from the early 90's positioned in one section of the room that will need to be removed. Once removed, an evaluation will be conducted to remove any hardwired electrical connections and repair any damage to the existing flooring. Shelving will need to be updated and align with the overall current design.

Updating this space will help the library fully utilize the area for programming and increase rentals from the public.



Version 2024 Proposed

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	200	-	-	-	-	200
Total (in thousands)		-	200	-	-	-	-	200

Loussac Library Pathway to Cuddy Park

Project ID LIB2021003 **Department** Library
Project Type Improvement **Start Date** June 2026
District Assembly: Section 4, Midtown, Seats F & G **End Date** July 2027

Community Council

Description

Extend the sidewalk and add safety enhancements to create a safe pedestrian connection from Z. J. Loussac Library to Cuddy Park.

Comments

Since the construction of Cuddy Park, the current alignment of the Z. J. Loussac Library parking lot has become dangerous for pedestrians. Parents shuttling children between the two locations must either pack their children back into the car to drive to the other part of the parking lot or walk across a busy parking lot. There is currently no pedestrian pathway between the two popular destinations. A realignment of the parking lot to create a connection between the library and the park is called for in the 2013 Z. J. Loussac Master Plan, but it is an expensive undertaking and is likely years off in the future. This project would create a cost-effective and simple solution to make the connection between the park and the library safer for pedestrians.

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		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	-	-	150	-	-	150
Total (in thousands)		-	-	-	150	-	-	150

Mountain View Library - Upgrades and Addition

Project ID LIB2021001 **Department** Library
Project Type Upgrade **Start Date** June 2024
District Assembly: Section 5, East, Seats H & I, 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 fifteen years of heavy wear-and-tear, the building is in need of new paint, surfaces, and furniture. This critical infusion of maintenance and upgrades will make sure the Municipality extends the life of this valuable community asset.

Version 2024 Proposed

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Revenue Sources	Fund							
Bond Sale Proceeds	401100 - Areawide General CIP Bond	-	350	-	-	-	-	350
Total (in thousands)		-	350	-	-	-	-	350

Muldoon Library Relocation

Project ID	LIB2020001	Department	Library
Project Type	New	Start Date	June 2024
District	Assembly: Section 5, East, 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

Construction of a new library location in the Muldoon area is part of a Transit Oriented Development project with Anchorage People Mover. This new library location would be part of a hub that houses transit and the library. There is an increased population and development moving into the Muldoon area, which creates a need and opportunity for the library to lease a space that is better suited for community needs. The library would then be centrally located between senior housing, a middle school, low-income housing, an employment center, and commercial properties and provide services that bring these diverse groups together, connecting them to each other. 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 young children.

The operations and maintenance (O&M) costs for this new library may include electric, gas, and water utilities and maintenance and operating labor and supplies, and will be dependent on the site, size, and features of the new library and may be offset by the cost reduction once the old location is no longer in use.

Version 2024 Proposed

		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	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