



## In your words

*I am VERY THANKFUL for the new library! My kids' grades have gone up by using this library!! My daughter got STUDENT OF THE MONTH. She does her homework here.*

*I'm pleased as punch you finally opened—missed you during the move! The layout is very nice, friendly, has an open atmosphere; easy to find materials. The staff are always warm, friendly and very helpful.*

*Absolutely love the new location—bright, airy and clean! Keep up the good service to our community!!*

*The new library is much deserved and overdue. It is a wonderful place to come, enjoy and read. The staff is extremely helpful and welcoming.*

*I love the new library! It is beautiful! Good hours! Good service! Good location!*

## Bright, spacious library has patrons coming back again and again

A vibrant library at the heart of an Eagle River Town Center had been a dream of the community for over ten years. The library and Town Center boost the strength of the local economy and contribute to the health and vitality of the community. After six months of operation, the library is already a huge hit with locals. The new library's popularity demonstrates the vital role that libraries play in bringing communities together and providing residents with important access to information and materials. But don't just take our word for it:

*"I didn't come to the library very much when it was in its old location. Now I'm a regular customer and have enjoyed over a dozen books within the last six months. This new place is super! It really has created a nice and new link to Eagle River. Thanks!"*

—Blaine Smith, Eagle River



**The new Chugiak-Eagle River Branch offers increased learning opportunities for youth.**

The grand-opening party on August 12, 2009 featured a magic show, science workshop and a ceremony to recognize Billie Moore, the founder of Eagle River's first library. Visitors logged onto brand new computers, played games in the children's area and tried out the group study rooms. The party drew over 1400 visitors, including Reps. Anna Fairclough, Nancy Dahlstrom, Bill Stoltze and John Harris, Sen. Fred Dyson, Mayor Dan Sullivan, Lt. Gov. Craig Campbell, Assemblywoman Debbie Ossiander, Lois Munson of the Native Village of Eklutna, Diane Kaplan of the Rasmuson Foundation, Carla Beam of BP, Jim Palmer of the Chugiak-Eagle River Foundation, Library Foundation donors, and Friends of the Library.



**"The library has gone from dark, dingy and crowded to bright, spacious and beautiful. But the best part of our library remains unchanged—our librarians—who are always cheerful, helpful and resourceful. To all of you—thank you so much!" -Patron comment**

“This library helps anchor the Town Center, which has been a dream of many locals for many years. After tonight the people of Chugiak and Eagle River can say that they have a wonderful town center with the library at the heart of it,” said Mayor Dan Sullivan at the opening ceremony.

The Library has long been a bustling and vital part of this community—the Chugiak-Eagle River Branch saw a 26 percent increase in circulation and a 23% increase in visits between 2003 and 2008. The new 18,000 square-foot library has expanded book and media collections, enhanced computer technology, separate areas for children and teens, group study rooms, and a large, welcoming reading area for all ages.

The project received broad support from the community—the Municipality funded the purchase and design of the building, state capital grants funded construction, the Anchorage voters passed a library bond in 2008, and foundations, businesses and individuals from across the community pitched in.

The library renovation is part of Anchorage Public Library’s Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative, which seeks to create modern libraries that encourage lifelong learning and community engagement, and reflect the diversity of Anchorage’s neighborhoods and residents.

The Chugiak-Eagle River Library is located at 12001 Business Blvd., Suite 176. Hours of operation and other library information can be found at: [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org)

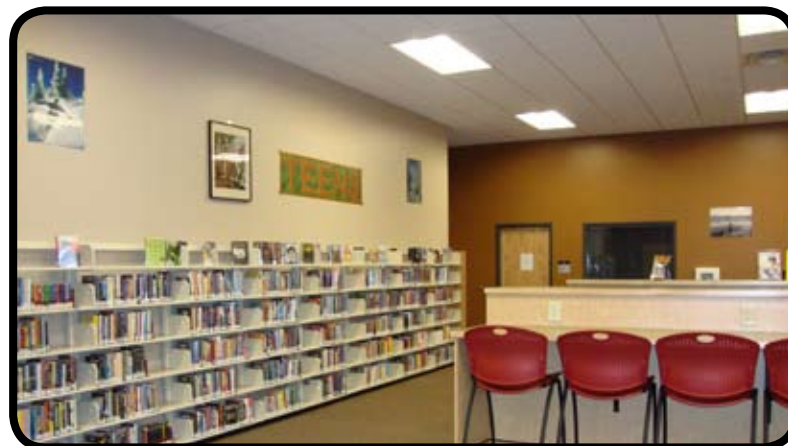
For more details on the project and photos of the new building, go to: [www.anchoragelibraryfoundation.org/projects.html](http://www.anchoragelibraryfoundation.org/projects.html).



The opening day celebration included a magic show.



The new children’s area is a hit with local kids.



The new teen space has bar seating, teen-specific materials and access to group study rooms.

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