

Z.J. Loussac Library Capital Improvements



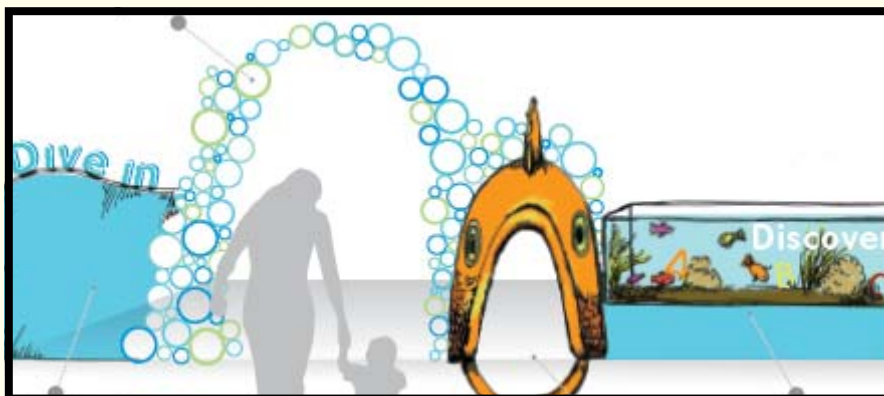
Terrace entrance to Z.J. Loussac Library. Major structural damages will be repaired with money from the 2008 municipal bond.

Z.J. Loussac Library: A Statewide Resource

- Manages several Anchorage Public Library programs that provide support and technical assistance to public and school libraries across Alaska, such as the Interlibrary Loan program and the Reference and Research Assistance program. In 2007, APL **processed over 2,000 reference and research requests from around the state.**
- Houses the **Ready to Read Resource Center**, which **promotes early literacy to children**, from birth to 3 years, by distributing books and other learning materials to child care centers, libraries and parents statewide.
- Leads the only statewide **Big Read**, a national one book/one community reading program. The 2008 program included book discussions, theatrical performances, and distribution of book discussion kits to **over 40 communities across Alaska.**
- Host site for Congressional and agency hearings, Anchorage Caucus constituent meetings, and is a site for voter registration and voting for municipal, state and federal elections. It is also **a cultural and historical resource, as a repository for significant statewide historical documents in the Alaska Collection.**
- Since opening in 1986, the Loussac has had more than 10 million visits. Despite heavy usage over the past twenty years, the current capital improvements will be the first since original construction.

Anchorage Public Library Capital Request

The Anchorage Public Library seeks \$2.05 million from the state capital budget for security, alarm and lighting system upgrades for the Loussac Library. This project is one piece of a larger capital campaign that is a result of the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative, a community-driven effort to improve the efficiency of Anchorage Public Library operations, increase its profile in the community and invest in library facilities.



Proposed entrance to the redesigned Children's Area at Loussac Library. The Children's Area redesign is funded by an individual contribution.

- A Rasmuson Foundation donation of \$4.4 million to the Anchorage Public Library is contingent upon matching contributions from the Municipality, the State and members of the community.
- Anchorage residents contributed \$2.9 million by passing a municipal bond in April. \$2.5 million of that will go to roof and terrace repair at Loussac.
- Anchorage Library Foundation is coordinating fundraising from individuals and has received gifts ranging from \$1 to \$370,000.
- State funding is the final piece needed for Loussac to qualify for \$2.478 million of the matching gift from the Rasmuson foundation.

Z.J. Loussac Library Project Budget

Project Costs

| Item | Cost |
|--|---------------------|
| Roof Repair | \$900,000 |
| Outdoor Patio and Sidewalk Improvement | \$1,798,000 |
| Interior Redesign & Renovations (children's & teen area, computer lab, entrance) | \$2,000,000 |
| Relocate book drop | \$200,000 |
| Furnishing & Equipment | \$245,000 |
| Lighting replacement and upgrade | \$1,700,000 |
| Fire alarm system | \$698,000 |
| HVAC Upgrades | \$2,000,000 |
| Literary Promenade and Parking Lot | \$900,000 |
| IT Enhancements | \$250,000 |
| Security Upgrades | \$110,000 |
| Arch. & Engineering | \$350,000 |
| TOTAL COST: | \$11,151,000 |

Funding Sources

| Source | Status | Contribution |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 2007 State Capital Request | Vetoed | (\$4,200,000) |
| 2008 State Capital Request | Pending with Gov | \$2,050,000 |
| 2009 State Capital Request | To be requested | \$2,000,000 |
| Atwood Foundation | To be requested in 2008 | \$350,000 |
| 2008 Municipal Bond | Secured | \$2,400,000 |
| NEH Grant | To be requested | \$250,000 |
| Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant | To be requested in 2008 | \$300,000 |
| BP | Secured | \$150,000 |
| Anonymous Donor | Secured | \$250,000 |
| Municipal Budget | Committed | \$100,000 |
| Energy Efficiency Loan | To be requested | \$400,000 |
| Local Fundraising | To be raised | \$500,000 |
| Rasmuson Foundation | Secured pending match | \$2,478,000 |
| TOTAL FUNDING: | | \$11,228,000 |



Proposed plans for Loussac entrance.