

# Mountain View Library and Community Room: Creating a Sustainable Building for a Vibrant Community

## Sustainability Features

### Energy & Resource Conservation

- All enclosed spaces controlled by individual occupancy sensors
- LED lighting with long life (50,000 hrs+) controlled by occupancy sensor controls, timers and a daylight sensor, which adjusts light level depending on incoming daylight
- Maintains 95% of existing walls, floors & roof, and uses recycled content and regional materials when possible
- Built-in recycling storage

### Sustainable Landscaping

- Reduced project footprint through reduction of existing paved areas, shared parking with adjacent school and conservation of existing natural areas
- Increased water efficiency through use of indigenous plants and elimination of outdoor irrigation system for landscape
- Landscape designed to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution
- Reduced construction pollution
- Lessened impact on surrounding habitats by reducing heat islands on roof and minimizing light pollution

### User Comfort

- Alternative transportation emphasized with on-site bike racks and a pedestrian-friendly entrance
- Ventilation and monitoring systems optimized to enhance indoor air quality in buildings
- Low-emitting indoor materials, such as paints and carpets
- Daylight and views incorporated into the regularly occupied areas of the building
- High level of lighting and thermal system controls

## The Project

The Mountain View community has been working to restore a library to the neighborhood since the original library was closed in 1988 due to budget cuts. This project will restore the branch public library to its original location and add a much needed community room. The new branch will feature green building design and will serve as a modern, multi-cultural resource with a diverse collection of books, media, and magazines, and community-oriented programming that reflects the neighborhood's rich cultural diversity. The building is on target for Silver level LEED® green building certification and will be one of the first LEED® certified buildings in Anchorage.

As a local leader in sustainability, the Mountain View Branch will showcase the many economic, health and environmental benefits of green building design and will serve as an example for future projects across the city. The new library will also help build community and foster the arts as a centerpiece of the Mountain View Arts and Cultural District.



The new library will offer increased learning opportunities for children

## Fundraising Goals and Project Partners

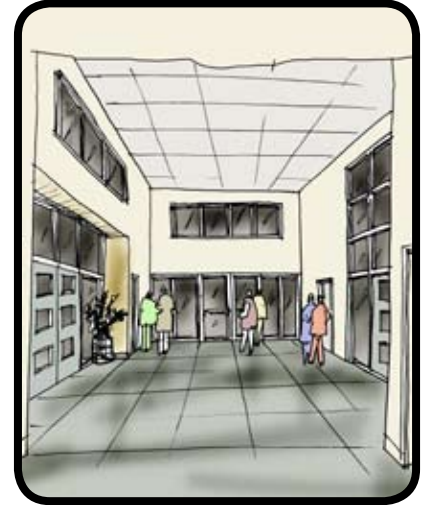
The cost for the project is \$4.1 million. Lead funders include Rasmuson Foundation, BP, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Alaska, the Gottstein Family, and the Atwood Foundation. State Senator Wielechowksi, State Representative Gruenberg, Assembly member Flynn, the Mountain View Community Council and the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative Task Force are also champions of the project. Anchorage Library Foundation and Friends of the Library are leading the fundraising campaign.



Proposed redesign of the Mountain View Library and Community Room.

## The Community

- Mountain View is Anchorage's most diverse neighborhood with over 45 distinct nationalities represented in the area's elementary schools.
- This is the city's most economically-distressed neighborhood: 93% of the students qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and 25% of residents live below the poverty level.
- The library community room will provide the neighborhood with a much-needed gathering place. It will be available to the community for neighborhood events and will house children's programs during the day and teen programs after school.
- The Library Advisory Board and Mountain View Community Council unanimously passed resolutions calling for a new library and dedicating Community Development Block Grant funds to the project. The Anchorage Community Land Trust, Mountain View Weed and Seed Project, and area schools have also endorsed the project.
- The Friends of the Library and Anchorage Library Foundation are working on a joint fundraising campaign to purchase new materials, technology and furnishings.
- The Mountain View Library will host multi-language collections, such as Yupik, Spanish, Tagalog, Hmong and Samoan.
- The new 10,000 square foot library will include specific areas for young children and teens, a reading lounge for adults, a mobile computer lab and a 100 person capacity community room.



## Donor Benefits

The project's major capital donors will be recognized for their leadership and commitment to the community in many ways:

- Inscription on a commemorative plaque displayed at library
- Recognition of your donation in the Anchorage Public Library newsletter
- Listing in thank you advertisements in the Anchorage Daily News and other media outlets
- Option to do a press release announcing your gift
- Recognition at ceremonial ground breaking and grand opening events
- Full donor benefits are listed at: [www.anchoragelibraryfoundation.org](http://www.anchoragelibraryfoundation.org)



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