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**MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY
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ANCHORAGE- Mayor Dan Sullivan will unveil a LEED Gold plaque in a ceremony on *Tues., April 19, at 4 p.m.*, at the Mt. View library, 120 Bragraw Street. The ceremony will be followed by a building tour by architect Jason Gamache with McCool Carlson and Green.

Mountain View’s new library is featured in the American Library Association’s 2011 Library Design Showcase, which highlights top libraries across the country. The neighborhood library is recognized in the Sustainable Construction, Navigation and Color, and Children’s and Teens Spaces categories of the showcase.

The remodeled building, which opened in last September, is certified as LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council, one of the highest levels attainable for green building design. As one of the first LEED Gold buildings in Alaska, the Library is a leader in sustainability and building efficiency.

The building project included a 3,500-square-foot addition for the community room. The team of McCool Carlson and Green architects with SR Bales Construction retained 95 percent of the building’s existing walls, floors and roof in the remodeling. Light is provided by 50,000-hour-lifespan LED lights. Daylight sensors automatically adjust illumination based on incoming daylight. Other features include indigenous vegetation in the landscaping, monitoring systems to enhance indoor air quality and low-emitting indoor materials.

The Mountain View renovation completes phase one of the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative—the largest investment in our public libraries in over 20 years. The Municipality and Anchorage Library Foundation raised more than \$14M in private, state, federal and bond funds to build or renovate four branch libraries. The second phase of the Initiative includes the creation of Loussac’s *Teen Underground*, opening this summer, and a generational renovation of the Z.J. Loussac Library.

Library Design Showcase: <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/librarydesign11>

U.S. Green Building Council: www.usgbc.org

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