



# Anchorage Library Foundation

## 2019 Accomplishments

- **Increased Library Funding:** successfully advocated the Mayor and Assembly Members to increase the Library's budget and restore a bus route along 36th Avenue to serve Loussac Library.
- **Launched the Next Chapter Society:** created a new legacy giving circle with eleven founding members who have designated the Library Foundation in their will or retirement plans.
- **Increased Library Usage:** supported Library campaign to increase usage of electronic resources, which resulted in check-out increases of 46% in eAudiobooks, 35% in Listen Alaska and 28% in eBooks, as well as database usage increases of 302% in Ancestry.com and 156% in Heritage Quest.
- **Funded the Library Community Resource Coordinator** which served over 400 people in its successful first year; secured funding for a program assistant and peer navigator program in 2020.
- **Planned for a New Alaska Room:** supported the Library's outreach to prospective users to get input on the space design and future programs.
- **Supported Muldoon Library:** explored a partnership with education and nonprofit partners for a shared facility. While this did not come to fruition (yet!), the Library did secure facility upgrades through its new lease in its current location.

## 2020 Projects

- **Alaska Room at Loussac Library:** support the Library in the planning, funding and development of a new Alaska Room at Loussac Library.
- **Early Literacy:** support the Library's efforts to improve literacy rates for our children.
- **Express Libraries:** work to open express libraries in South Anchorage and Downtown.
- **The Next Chapter Society:** share information on how to leave a legacy by making gifts through wills and retirement plans, as well as offer workshops on wills and estate planning.
- **Muldoon Library:** raise funds to buy new furniture to refresh the library's current space.
- **STEM Kits:** fund the Library's new STEM Kits and furniture for the Loussac children's area.
- **Library Promotion:** continue to grant marketing funds to the Library to help it increase its visibility in the community and promote its valuable resources.
- **Respond to Urgent Needs:** provide funding for the Library to take advantage of new opportunities and fill budget gaps so that our Library can continue to offer top-notch service.

Please contact us at [info@librarychampion](mailto:info@librarychampion) or 343-2944 to learn more about these projects or get more involved.



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