



Anchorage Library Foundation

2020 Accomplishments

- **Made emergency grants to the Library for digital materials and laptops for checkout** - thanks to incredible financial support from the community to provide this extra pandemic relief!
- **Increased Library Funding:** successfully advocated the Mayor and Assembly Members to increase the Library's budget for 2021: added an Early Literacy Outreach Librarian, additional tech support and funding for the Community Resource Coordinators.
- **Launched a campaign for a New Alaska Room at Loussac Library:** secured a \$390K challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities - one of only 30 projects awarded.
- **STEM Kits:** added 66 STEM Kits to the Library's collection of science activities for checkout.
- **Launched the Next Chapter Society:** two new members joined the eleven founding members who have designated the Library Foundation in their will or retirement plans.
- **Funded an Assistant Library Community Resource Coordinator** to serve the Mountain View Library, and a peer navigator program (to launch in 2021).
- **Upgraded furniture and signage at libraries:** including family reading area at Loussac, a reading nook at Gerish Girwood, new signs at Chugiak-Eagle River and a study bar at Mountain View.

2021 Projects

- **Alaska Room at Loussac Library:** host a community design process to get input on final designs, and raise funds to start the project by 2023.
- **Express Libraries:** help the Library open a new express location at the Dimond Transit Center.
- **Digital Resources for Students:** renew BookFlix and other Library resources that have been critical for our young students during COVID.
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion:** support the Library's work to be a more equitable and inclusive organization, as well as update the Library Foundation's own policies and practices.
- **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.
- **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 or 343-2944 to learn more about these projects or get more involved.



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