

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Petersburg

Project Title:

Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition

Petersburg - Public Library

State Funding Requested: \$3,300,000
One-Time Need

House District: 2 / A

Brief Project Description:

Funding to construct a new library in Petersburg.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$6,600,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$162,048	2007,08,09				
Rasmuson Foundation			\$1,500,000	2010-11		
Local Funds	\$450,018	2008 & 2009	\$1,155,560	2010-11		
Other Funds			\$45,000	2010		
Total	\$612,066		\$2,700,560			

Explanation of Other Funds:

Local Capital Campaign Contributions: \$249,560 will be sought in 2010 and 2011. A \$906,000 local contribution will be sought from the City in the 2010/11 budget. \$45,000 will be sought from the Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Project is funding to construct a new library in Petersburg. The project is a top priority for the community and has been ranked by the Alaska Library Association as one of the most worthy library construction projects in Alaska.

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For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

\$3,300,000
Approved

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The funding requested will be used for facility construction. We will use the legislative grant to strategically leverage private grant funds and local capital campaign contributions. Real estate owned by the City of Petersburg has been reserved by City Council for the new library. The value of this real estate is pledged as a local contribution to the project. In 2007, the project was nominated by the Rasmuson Foundation for the Foraker Group's Predevelopment program. As part of that program a conceptual design and cost estimate were established and a comprehensive business plan analyzed anticipated operations and maintenance expenses.

State funding will help Construct a new 9,500 s.f. public library in the heart of downtown Petersburg. The project is necessary to accommodate a 240% increase in use. The new facility will be energy efficient and sustainable, will increase the library's capacity to provide access to information resources, will enhance the quality of library services in Petersburg and will meet the community's needs for generations to come.

Project Timeline:

Conceptual design completed 2008
 Schematic design completed 2009
 Design development (scheduled for completion in Feb 2010)
 Construction documents, bidding (2010 - 2011)
 Construction, 2012

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Petersburg

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: City Manager Scott Hahn
 Address: P.O. Box 329
 Petersburg, AK 99833
 Phone Number: (907)772-4519
 Email: scott.hahn@ci.petersburg.ak.us

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



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February 12, 2010

Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Mr. Stedman:

The purpose of this letter is to represent Alaska Library Association (AKLA) support for priority ranking as prepared by statewide librarians for Public Library Construction and Major Expansion Matching Grant Funding.

Senate Bill 119 (Chapter 55 SLA 08) was signed into law on June 4, 2008. Section 2 of the bill (AS 14.56.355) established a public library construction and major expansion matching program. Many local libraries and communities worked to get the legislation passed and are currently working with the legislature to get the program funded. The passage of legislation that has become the Public Library Construction Grant Program (PLCGP) has encouraged many Alaskan communities to go forward with public library construction plans by raising local, federal and private foundation funds to match state funds. Many of these communities are poised to begin the grant application process.

However, the granting agency (DCCED) timeline for the first round of grants will not be completed in time for the FY2011 budget process. In order to mitigate delays to the potential of a grant cycle this year, librarians throughout the state compiled a matrix of all known public library projects. These projects are ranked based on today's commonly accepted criteria, listed below, set forth by private and public funding agencies. These criteria determine which projects are sustainable and ready for design and construction funding:

- Projects meet a documented need,
- Are consistent with strategic/community plans,
- Consider opportunities for collaboration,
- Have appropriate facility and site plans and realistic project budgets,
- Are financially sustainable,
- Will not negatively impact the sustainability of the proposing organization,
- Have a fully developed and vetted business plan,
- Have an architect on board and schematic design (35% design) complete.

Also factored in this ranking are critical time considerations for matching additional capital dollars. For example, some private and public funds are available to a particular project only within a certain window of time. The enclosed matrix represents the consensus of statewide public librarians on ranking of current library project readiness for state funding beginning 2010 and into the future.

This effort has the full support of the Alaska Library Association. We respectfully request that for this year grants be funded from the priority ranking in the matrix. Thank you very much for your support of Alaska's libraries.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Joiner, President
907-283-4400

Statewide Public Library Construction Projects 2010 Status Updates/State Assistance Funding Requests

(Ver. 02.09.2010)

Community	Project Type	Cost	Completion Date	Site Ownership	Design Phase	Current Funding	State Assistance Funding Request	Timing of Need For State Funds
Cordova	New Multi-Use Facility to Include Library	\$19.7M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$13.5M - City, Federal, State EVOS	\$2M	2010
Kenai	Expansion	\$5.3M	2011	Yes - City	Complete with Construction Docs	\$4.67M	\$1.5M	2010
Seward	New Co-located Facility Library/ Museum	\$10M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 35% by February 1, 2010	\$1M Donations / \$5M Approved G.O. Bond - 2011	\$5M	2010
Petersburg	New Facility	\$6.2M	2012	Yes - City	Schematic - 65%	\$620K - State Grant, Donations	\$3.25M	2010
Barrow	Expansion Consortium Library	\$7M	2011	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35%	\$6M - Federal, Borough	\$1M	2010
Sutton	New Facility	\$3.3M	2012	Yes - Borough	Schematic - 35% by August	\$720K Borough, FOL*	\$1.65M	2010
Anchorage	Improvements	\$4.8M	2011	Yes - Current Location	Concept	\$1.25M Grant	\$1.75M	2011
Ketchikan	New Facility	\$12.5M	2013	TBD	Concept	\$700K - City, FOL*	\$5.57M	2011
Sitka	Expansion	\$15M	2014	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	\$100K Private Contribution	\$7.5M	2011
Fairbanks/ North Pole	New Facility	\$10.9M	2012	Yes - Borough	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Fairbanks/ Noel Wien	Expansion	\$16.75 M	2012	Yes - Current Location	Concept	Portion of \$10M Trust + \$550K Earnings, Bond, Revenue Funds TBD	TBD	2011
Kodiak	New Facility	\$15M	2014	In Progress	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	2011
Wasilla	New Facility	\$14M	2014	Yes - City	Concept	\$40K - FOL*	TBD	2012
The following Public Libraries are in early stages of planning and identifying funding opportunities. Further information will be provided as these projects evolve.								
Palmer	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	\$3M	TBD
Nome	New Co-located Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - UAF	Concept	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Soldotna	Expansion	\$5.5M	2020	Yes - City, FOL*	Concept	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Craig	Expansion	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Skagway	Expansion & Renovation	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Concept in Progress	Initiating Building Fund Campaign	TBD	TBD
Juneau Mendenhall	New Facility	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Space Needs Study	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Juneau Public Library	Improvements	TBD	TBD	Yes - City	Coordination w/ Engineers	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD
Anchor Point	New Facility	\$700K	TBD	Yes - Donation	Preliminary Ideas	Identification of Funding Opportunities in Progress	TBD	TBD

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

2010 STATUS UPDATES/STATE ASSISTANCE FUNDING REQUESTS

This matrix represents the collaborative initiative of statewide library directors, Friends of the Library Associations and volunteers formed as library steering committees leading and supporting new construction and/or renovation of public libraries in their communities. The intent of this ongoing effort is to continue to provide a comprehensive statewide view of all known public library construction and/or renovation projects highlighting each project's current status toward meeting today's commonly accepted criteria for applications to funding agencies for design and construction funds.

The methodology for this effort is based on in-depth research and review of current capital funding criteria set by public and private funders, and the sharing and monitoring of actual grantor responses to capital funding requests in these current economic times. In addition to long-standing capital funding criteria requiring projects to substantiate solid business plans, well developed project scope, budget and schedules, and strong local, state and private funding support – completing 35% design (schematic design phase) is now an additional criterion that funders are requiring to measure project credibility before approving capital funding.

With consensus of all stakeholders involved in this effort, meeting this latest criterion became the basis for the sequence of this list of known statewide library projects. Projects appear in order of most advanced design phase completed and/or in process. Also factored in the order of the list are critical time considerations for leveraging additional capital dollars. (For example, some private and public funds are available to a particular project only within a certain window of time.)

This matrix is a dynamic document incorporating new library projects when identified and status updates as each project advances. An effort to find all pending public library construction and major expansion projects has been made. To report new or additional projects and to obtain a list and contact information for statewide librarians participating in this effort contact Patty Linville at pllinville@cityofseward.net or 907-224-4082.

The following links are offered for your reference:

AS Statute Reference: AS 14.56.355, 356 enacted into law September 2, 2008

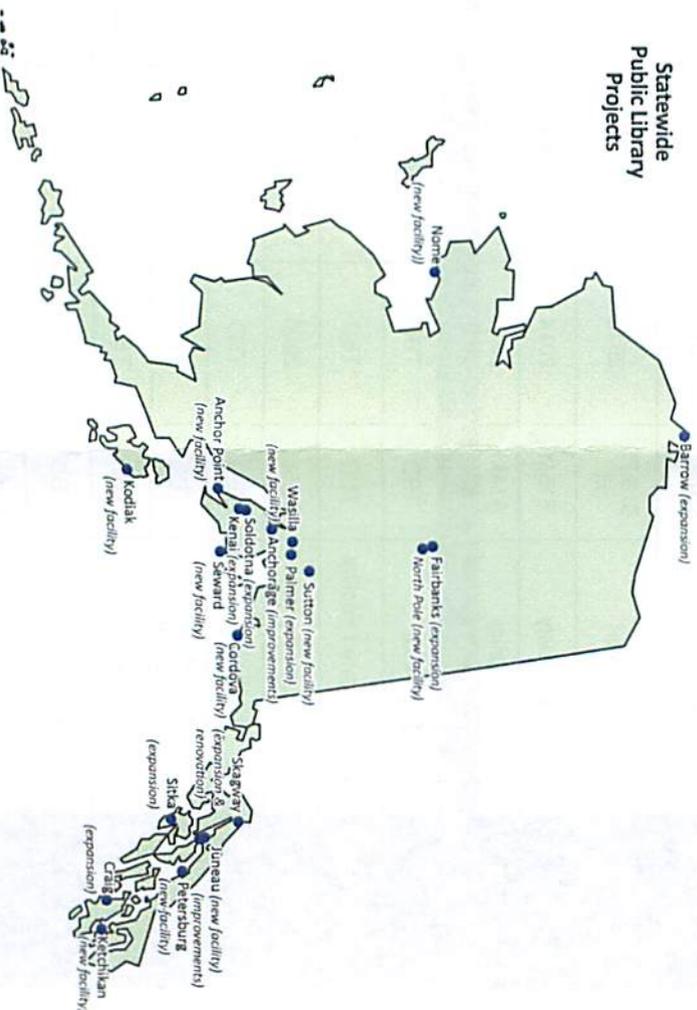
Enacted Library Construction Regulations and Major Expansion

Matching Grant Program

Multiple Library Projects have received the support of the Foraker

Group Pre-Development Program

Contact: Chris Kowalczewski at ckowalczewski@forakergroup.org or 907-743-1200



Legislative Capital Project Request Guidelines

Who is requesting the grant? City of Petersburg

Federal Tax ID Number:

What is the physical location of the project? Petersburg, Alaska

What is the project title? Build a new public library.

Has the project gone through a local public review and approval process?

In 2008, a McDowell Group survey found that 75% of Petersburg voters expressed either a moderate or high of interest in a new library. Hundreds of residents have participated in community surveys, public meetings and presentations about a new library that affirm widespread support for the project. The Petersburg City Council has given this project its second highest priority for capital improvement initiatives. Numerous public meetings have been held to solicit community input into the design of the facility; these often attract between 25 – 150 participants. All meetings are also covered by the local media, broadcast over the local radio station and audio recordings of all community consultation, discussion and action at the meetings may be reviewed on the City's website, www.ci.petersburg.ak.us.

What is the project description and objective?

The City of Petersburg is planning for the construction of a new public library in the heart of downtown. The public library is the most heavily used free public facility in our community. The project is necessary to accommodate a 240% increase in use over 2002. The objective is to build a 9,500 square foot facility that will be energy efficient and sustainable, will increase the library's capacity to provide access to information resources, will enhance the quality of library services in Petersburg and will meet the community's needs for generations to come.

Top-Level Project Funding Table:

A	Total Project Cost	\$ 6,298,762
B	Funding Already Secured	\$ 612,066
C	FY11 State Funding Request	\$ 3,149,381
D	Other Funding Requests	\$ 3,150,578
E	Additional Funding Required/Outstanding	0

If you receive the funding you've requested from the state in this year's budget, will you be requesting additional state funding for this project in the future?

No.

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2012	Construction

Detailed project funding data:

Project Costs,

Value of In-Kind Real Estate Contribution \$ 351,000

Phase I: A/E Consultant Services

Contracted Services	\$ 1,172
Schematic Design	\$ 41,983
Design Development	\$ 106,152
Asbestos Abatement Consultant	\$ 5,000
Construction Documents	\$ 159,000
Bidding Phase Services	\$ 12,000
Phase I Expenditures	\$ 325,307

Phase II: Facility Construction

Asbestos Abatement – Existing Building	\$ 50,000
Demolition of Existing Building	\$ 200,000
Construction Contract 8,800 SF @ \$440 / SF	\$ 4,320,000

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Construction Contingency @ 10%	\$ 432,00
A/E Construction Phase Services @ 2% of Construction Contract	\$ 95,040
Construction Testing and Administration @ 1% of Construction Contract	\$ 43,200
Equipment and Furnishings	\$ 250,000
Data/Communications Service	\$ 80,000
A/E Design Contingency	\$ 48,215
Construction Inspection by City Employee 52 weeks @ \$50 / hour	\$ 104,000
<i>Phase II Expenditures</i>	<i>\$ 5,622,455</i>

Total Uses \$ 6,298,762

Funding Secured,

Market value of Real Estate Contribution (2008)	\$ 351,000
Local Capital Campaign Contributions & pledges (2007-2008)	\$ 95,440
State Legislative Grant #07-DC-251	\$ 12,048
State Legislative Grant 09-DC-521	\$ 150,000
Local Transfers to Capital Project Fund Prior To and Including FY 2007	\$ 3,578
<i>Funding Secured</i>	<i>\$ 612,066</i>

FY10 State Funding Request,

Costs are being shared using the following formula: local government 20%, private donors 30%, State contribution 50%. The requested legislative grant will be used for construction.

Other Funding Requests,

Rasmuson Foundation Grant	\$ 1,500,000
Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant	\$ 45,000
Local Capital Campaign Contributions	\$ 249,560
City of Petersburg	\$ 906,000
<i>Other Funding Requests</i>	<i>\$ 2,700,560</i>

Additional Funding required

None

What entity will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operations of this project once it's complete?

The City of Petersburg will be responsible for ongoing maintenance and operations. A comprehensive business plan is available upon request.

Name and contact information for the person who will administer this grant if it is approved and who can answer questions about this request.

Bob Prunella, City Manager
City of Petersburg
PO Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska
(907) 772-4511, ext 22
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Additional Backup

See attached project floor plan, rendering, site plan & status update.



CITY OF PETERSBURG
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April 22, 2010

Office of the Governor
Sean Parnell
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: Petersburg Capital Projects

Honorable Governor Parnell:

As you are set to review the budget, we emphasize the great importance the budgeted projects in our area are to our community. They are projects which repair or replace existing infrastructure and services. The facilities they replace have slipped to substandard condition since they have been in use years longer than their estimated service life.

Petersburg has been suffering a downturn in the economy over the last few years more than most communities. Recently, we learned a large share of our fish processing activity will not be in operation this summer and the future return of that share is questionable.

Not only will our projects replace and repair infrastructure, they will serve as a measurable and needed boost to our local economy.

Thank you for your consideration.


Al Dwyer, Mayor
City of Petersburg

Cc: Ray Matiashowski
Weston Eiler
Karen Rehfeld, Director of O&B



Petersburg Public Library

Project status update 12.29.09

9,584 SF FACILITY

\$6.2M PROJECT COST ESTIMATE

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE 2012

2008/9

- ✓ SITE CONTROL/OWNERSHIP
- ✓ \$90K+ DONATIONS INDIVIDUALS/CIVIC ORGS
- ✓ \$150K LEGISLATIVE GRANT
- ✓ COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS PLAN COMPLETED
- ✓ FORAKER PRE-DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED
- ✓ MRV ARCHITECTS HIRED
- ✓ SCHEMATIC DESIGN COMPLETED IN NOV 2009
- ✓ DESIGN DEVELOPMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 2009

2010

COMPLETE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT IN FEBRUARY

CITY OF PETERSBURG/ COMMUNITY MATCH (20%)

STATE FUNDING REQUEST
\$3.1M DIRECT GRANT

\$1-2M GRANT FOUNDATIONS/ AGENCIES ON-GOING APPLICATIONS

DESIGN COMPLETED

2011

PROJECT BID AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

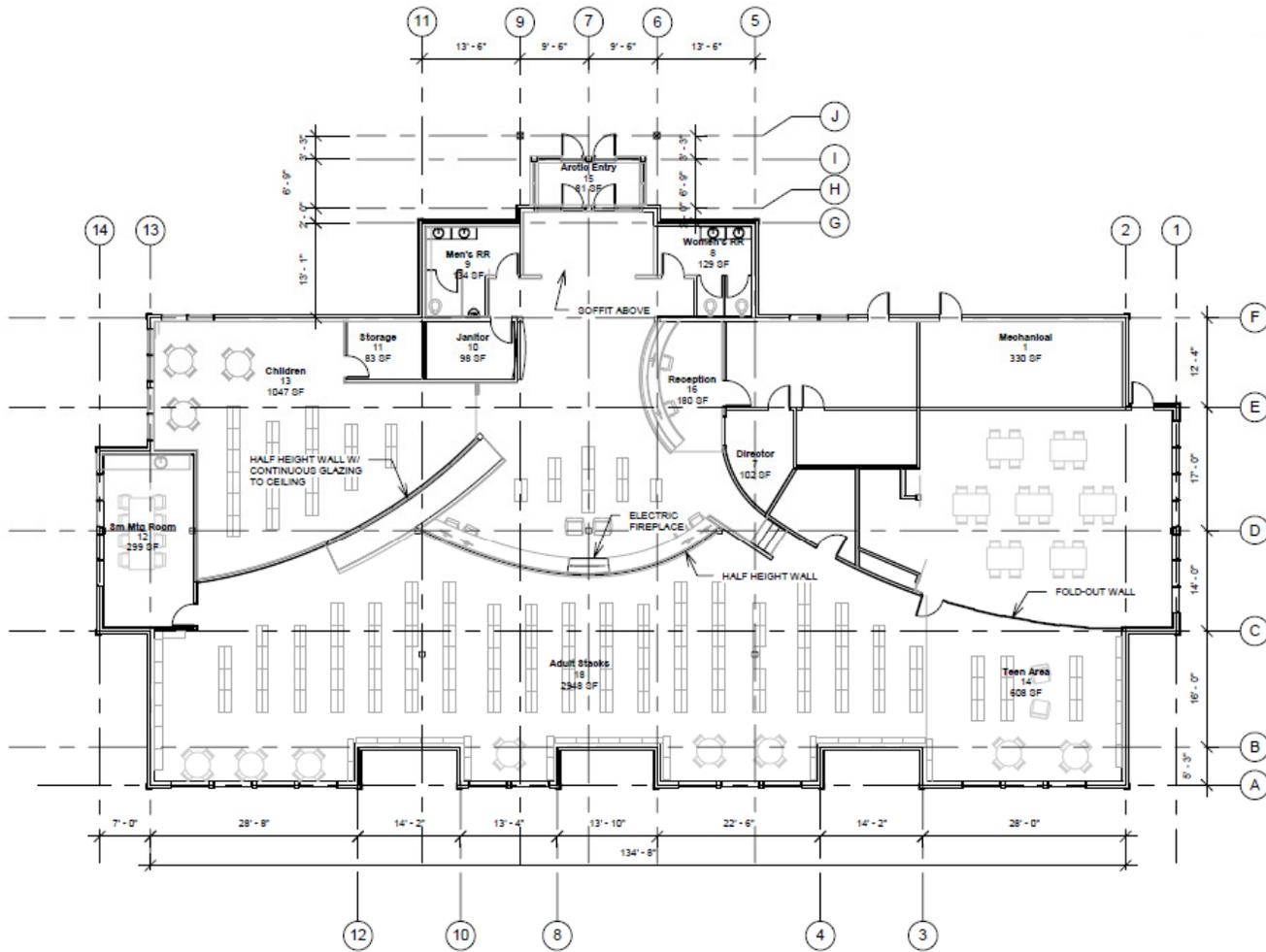
2012

ONGOING CONSTRUCTION JANUARY-JULY

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION JULY

OPENING SEPTEMBER





① Level 1
1/16" = 1'-0"

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Petersburg Library

City of Petersburg

SHEET TITLE:
Floor Plan 1

DATE: 10/23/09
SCALE:
DRAWN:
CHECKED: PV

SHEET NO.

A201

City of Petersburg

FY11 Library Construction &
Major Expansion Matching Grant
Application



Prepared by: Taralee Alcock, City Librarian
City of Petersburg
3/20/2010

SECTION 1: PROJECT DESCRIPTION/NEED

CURRENT LIBRARY STATUS

The Petersburg Public Library (PPL) is a City owned facility that was established in 1931 and has a long and vibrant history in its community. Recently celebrating its 75th birthday, the Library has evolved from a small shelf under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary into a thriving public space at the center of community life. The organization provides quality library service to residents of Petersburg and the surrounding areas of Kupreanof Island and remote parts of the Wrangell Narrows, to seasonal workers, and the growing number of visitors.

The public library is one of the most important services in our community. It provides cultural, recreational, informational and educational services to all members of the community. PPL is a dynamic small town library. We inform, enrich, and empower every citizen in our community by creating and promoting free and easy access to a vast array of ideas and information. We support lifelong learning and love of reading. We offer wireless Internet access, story hours, children's reading programs, teen reading programs, literary events, author visits, an annual film festival, and much more. We acquire, organize, and provide relevant library materials; ensure access to other collections and information sources; serve our public with expert and caring assistance; and reach out to all members of our community. It is the only public facility in Petersburg that is not only open in the evenings, but open to everyone.

Our organization is in the final year of a five year initiative to expand the role the Library plays in our community. We have made drastic improvements to our collections, significantly updated the look and feel of the Library, and are offering an expanded schedule of arts and cultural programs for all ages. At times this has stretched our organization to its limit; however our efforts have been richly rewarded.

Despite the physical limitations of its facility, the PPL has excelled in offering services to meet community needs, and was rated a 'star library' by *Library Journal* and ranked among the top 3.5% of libraries in the nation for the past two years. While only a few years ago futurists were decrying the death of libraries due to the proliferation of the Internet, the opposite has proven to be true in our community. The public library in Petersburg has never been more popular. In 2009 the Petersburg Public Library checked out 25 items per capita, much higher than the average for Alaska (5.79), five times more than the national average (4.2), and a 255% increase in use over 2002.

The well used collection and public Internet access as well as well-attended programs such as preschool story time and summer reading program brought in 51,759 visits to the Library in FY09. In FY09 the Library checked out 73,790 items. Preschoolers enjoy story time; fishermen check out books and videos for their long trips at sea; budding entrepreneurs create their first business plans using library resources; and patrons keep up to date with free access to newspapers and magazines and the Internet. From adult learners studying to complete their GEDs to families looking for escape on a rainy afternoon, the Library is a hub of community activity with an average of 170 visits per day.

The Library is owned and operated by the City of Petersburg. It is managed by the City Librarian who is supervised by the Library Board. In addition to the City Librarian, Library staff include: a library technician (30 hours per week), four library clerks (8-22 hours per week), and two library pages (6 hours per week).

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The Library Board is a seven member elected governing board. It sets the policies and plans for the future of the Library. There is a high level of participation from the board. They engage annually in planning and goal setting for the Library. Board members regularly donate to the Library, advocate for the Library in the community, and volunteer their time. Volunteer participation at the Petersburg Library is high. In FY09 more than 39 community members volunteered nearly 1,000 hours of their time to present and support our programs, shelve books, participate in outreach, raise funds and staff the front desk when needed.

NEED FOR NEW FACILITY

The Library's current facility is located on the second floor of the town's declining municipal building constructed in 1959. While efforts are constantly made to maintain the elderly building, many health and safety violations have been noted as well as electrical, plumbing and ventilation inadequacies. Floors are sinking and the walls are cracked.

The PPL at 2,700 square feet is far smaller than any other Alaskan library that serves a comparable population. It is less than one-third of the recommended minimum for a library in a community of comparable size. The Library is not in compliance with ADA regulations, ceilings and windows leak, there is not enough room for books, no space for children's programs, no work area for staff and no designated parking. Users say they increasingly avoid the Library because of overcrowding, noise, lack of work space and comfortable seating, and yet PPL is busier than ever. There is usually no place to sit and often it is so crowded there is no room to just stand and browse the collection. With only 12 chairs, the competition for a chair is fierce, and sadly, it is often children and teens who are lost in the shuffle. The situation becomes especially critical during the summer when use of the Library rises dramatically with the influx of hundreds of visitors and temporary workers.

The need for a new library building in Petersburg spans 30 years. As far back as 1977 the situation at the Library was described as 'acute'. Since then community use of the Petersburg Public Library has risen over 1000%. Planning for a new library facility began in 1997. Through the ensuing years the possibility of partnering with other local organizations to share a facility was carefully explored. After holding public meetings, conducting a survey of voters, and doing a thorough funding analysis, library planners have determined that a stand-alone library facility is the most economically viable solution for our community at this time.

In July 2007 the Library Board appointed a seven member building committee representing a variety of organizations in the community. In August the building committee began work with The Foraker Group's Pre-Development Program to initiate the conceptual design process.

Problems currently affecting library services include:

- Organization of the Library's collection is severely limited by crowded conditions, resulting in difficult access for patrons
- Story hours cannot be held in the children's area because of high attendance and minimal space
- Increased opportunities for educational programs, including activities that promote literacy, cannot be provided due to lack of space
- No area for teens
- No separate and distinct areas for different age groups – children, teens, adults

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- Extremely limited seating space for patrons throughout the Library, with no seating in the youth area and only four chairs in the children's section
- No space to add Internet stations to meet demand
- No soundproof space in the Library
- Library stacks are full
- Large print collection for visually impaired patrons is shelved in an inaccessible corner
- No space for foreign language materials for summer patrons
- No listening station
- Photocopier is located in the center of the Library, causing noise and disruption
- No place to add a scanner, multimedia or moviemaking workstations
- Increased summer use by cannery workers and visitors exacerbates the space limitations
- Library staff is unable to meet the demands for traditional or expanded services, activities and programs due to lack of space
- Library does not have office space that meets the needs of staff. Although more staff is needed, there is no place for additional staff to work to serve patrons
- Storage for archival materials is inadequate, causing deterioration to materials including the only paper copies of the Petersburg Pilot dating back to 1910
- Director's office is the only space available to process materials and for staff to work on other projects and tasks
- Windows leak resulting in the loss of collection materials and damage to furnishing
- No easy visual monitoring of the Library space results in lost materials
- Elevator often gets stuck

Over the years hundreds of residents have participated in multiple community surveys, public meetings, and community group presentations about a new library facility. Each of these activities has affirmed widespread support for a new library. Letters to the editor regarding the need for a new library appear regularly in the local newspaper. According to an opinion poll conducted in April 2007, 85.6% of Petersburg super voters think that Petersburg needs a new library. A survey of 252 households conducted by the McDowell group in May of 2008 showed 75% of residents expressed either a moderate or high level interest in a new library. Petersburg's need for a new library facility is urgent, and there is demonstrated, vocal public support to find a cost effective solution to the problem.

LIBRARY SERVICE PLAN

Please note: The following two documents include detailed information on the requirements for this section:

- PPL Business Plan. This document includes a market analysis, marketing plan, sustainable human resources plan, information on management and organization, projected operations and maintenance budget for the new facility, information on projected programs/services budget and management, a sustainability plan, financial responsibility, ongoing assumptions and risks, and an action plan. Written in 2008 the Business Plan has been reviewed and updated in 2010. (Attachment D)
- Library Service Plan and Space Needs Analysis: This document includes information on the service goals of the library and a detailed analysis of space requirements for a projected 2027

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population of 4,413 with additional consideration of the seasonal influx of cannery workers and visitors. Descriptions of the various areas of the library provide information on the purpose of the area, activities that will occur in each space, design considerations and adjacencies. (Attachment E)

SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

No two libraries should provide the same array of programs and resources for their community. Instead, each library should strive to develop a unique and balanced spectrum of services to engage and inspire its patrons and community members. Our goal is to be the best library we can be for those we serve. By analyzing the make-up of our community, and identifying the needs of individuals and groups, we create services that foster the development of new relationships with our patrons and allow us to interact in new ways with partner agencies and our community at large.

Since 2004 the PPL Board and staff have worked to develop programs that address the diverse needs and interests of our community. We have experienced great response as shown by usage statistics and our ranking as a Star Library. However there are many more opportunities that exist to extend the appeal and reach of our services.

In 2008, the Board and staff participated in workshops to develop a long-term Library Service Plan which is included in the attached *Library Service Plan and Space Needs Analysis* document (Attachment E). The group's work included discussing future trends, reviewing the current status of the Library, and establishing service goals for the next ten years. Target audiences, program ideas, resources needed to implement the plan, and potential partnerships were discussed and included in the Library Service Plan. The plan is reviewed and revised annually with specific goals and activities detailed for the upcoming year.

PPL's nine service goals are diverse and far-reaching. We offer services and programs to increase literacy in reading, writing, languages and technologies; to address the changing technological needs of the community; to provide a collection of books and other media which is diverse, dynamic and responsive to our community's needs; to preserve and tell the community's story to preserve our past and encourage a sense of place; to provide the access to information and the forum for discussion of topical issues to promote civic engagement; to offer support to job seekers, business owners, entrepreneurs and nonprofits to help them achieve their goals; to stimulate imagination and inspire individuals to explore their interests; to have professional staff with current training who exceed customer expectations; and to be a connection spot, a comfortable, welcoming, safe center of community. The services and programs offered to achieve these goals provide all residents with opportunities to increase their skills, knowledge, and ability to live well in today's world.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The City of Petersburg will be the owner and operator of the facility and will continue to be responsible for its successful operations. The PPL Business Plan provides detailed information on projected costs of operation, personnel and long-term maintenance. Section 3 of this application also provides information on the impacts of the new facility on staffing, operations and maintenance.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

The PPL is currently open to the public 42 hour per week. Hours of operation are reviewed on a regular basis and changes made as appropriate to meet community need. Once the new facility is open the Library Board and Library Director will assess whether the current hours of operation are sufficient to meet demand.

Hours of Operation	
Monday – Thursday	Noon to 9 PM
Friday and Saturday	10 AM to 5 PM
Sundays and Holidays	Closed

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alaska does not have its own state standards for library building or collection size but many libraries in our state refer to the Wisconsin State Standards and *Public Library Space Needs: A Planning Outline* developed by Anders Dahlgren. These standards were used as a guide during the planning process for the new PPL.

Public input was solicited through both formal and informal processes. Library Board members, Friends of the Library, municipal leaders, partner agency staff, library patrons, community members and library staff shared feedback on their needs for library services and their thoughts regarding the new library facility. Square footage requirements for the new PPL were developed both by using the Library Space Planning Guide available on Web Junction (www.webjunction.org) and Dahlgren’s data to estimate square footage based on standards, as well as, on the Library Service Plan and the information gathered from the community. (Please see the Library Service Plan and Space Needs Analysis Document for more detailed information. (Attachment E)

SQUARE FOOTAGE, AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES COMPLIANCE, AND LOCATION

The project we propose is to build a well-designed 9,770 square foot welcoming and energy efficient library facility that will provide adequate space for the services we offer and allow us to expand our innovative programming to better meet our community’s needs. The facility will be a one story building with a mechanical mezzanine. All library services will be provided on one level and the facility will be in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act. Situated on the City-owned Romiad building property in the heart of downtown, the new facility will have a living room atmosphere, act as a community center, and will provide an ADA accessible community connection spot to meet friends, relax, and escape the rain.

The new facility will offer a variety of spaces designed to enhance programming at the Library. A sound-proof children’s area will allow for increased offerings for youth in the community, with a focus on expanding after school services for teens/tweens. There will be easy-to-browse book stacks with space for quiet reading areas and comfortable seating. There will be more computer workstations to meet the demand. An inviting place for teens with comfortable seating for studying and visiting will be provided. Additional, flexible meeting spaces will be available for library activities and community use. A built-in screen, functioning sound system and rolling cart with such food preparation amenities as a

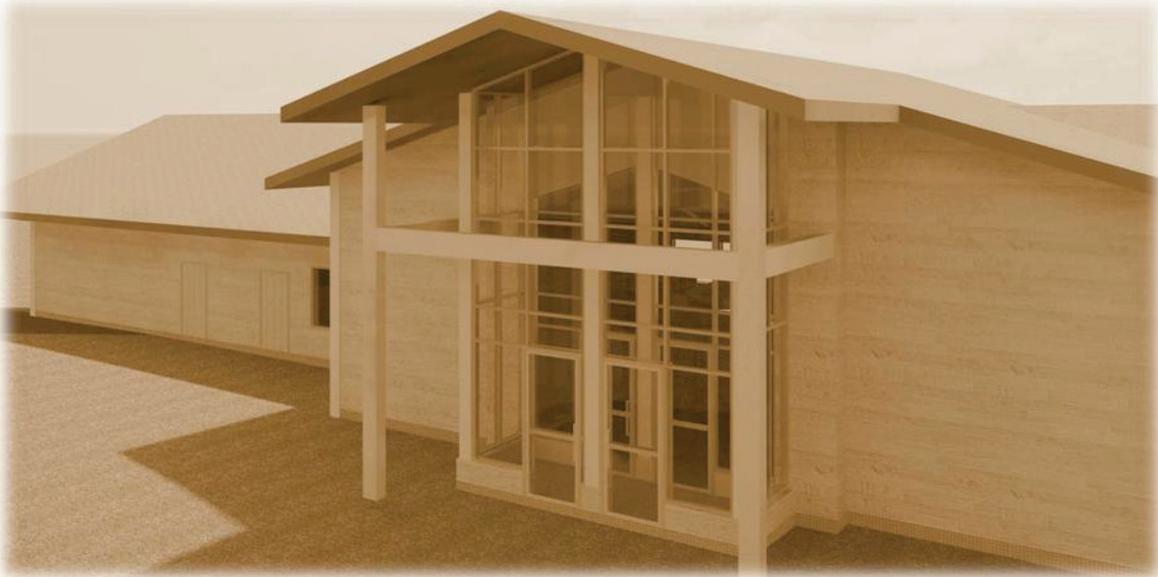
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microwave and coffee pot will allow the community to utilize the Library in new ways. The communications system will be updated and will enhance access to electronic resources. Ample parking spaces will ensure each person's library experience is a positive one, even before walking in the door.

The schematic design was completed in 2009 and design development phase was completed in March 2010. The new facility is estimated to cost \$6.54 million to construct based on a bid date of 2011. The project budget included with this application is based on a cost estimate recently prepared by HMS Inc. at the 65% Design Development stage. If significant funds are secured from the state legislature and matching grant funds are pledged, construction could begin in 2011.

A project timeline is attached. (Attachment C)

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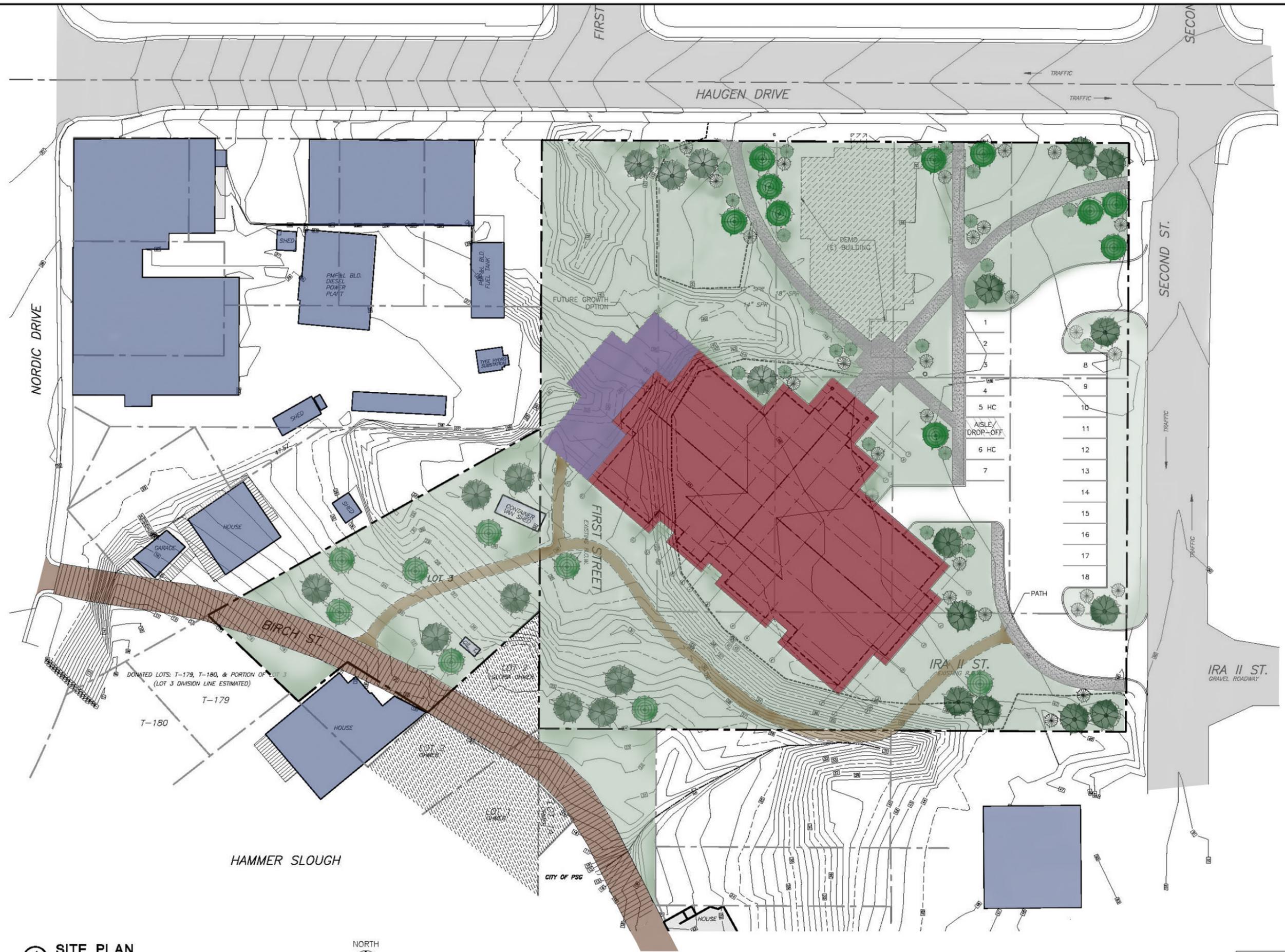
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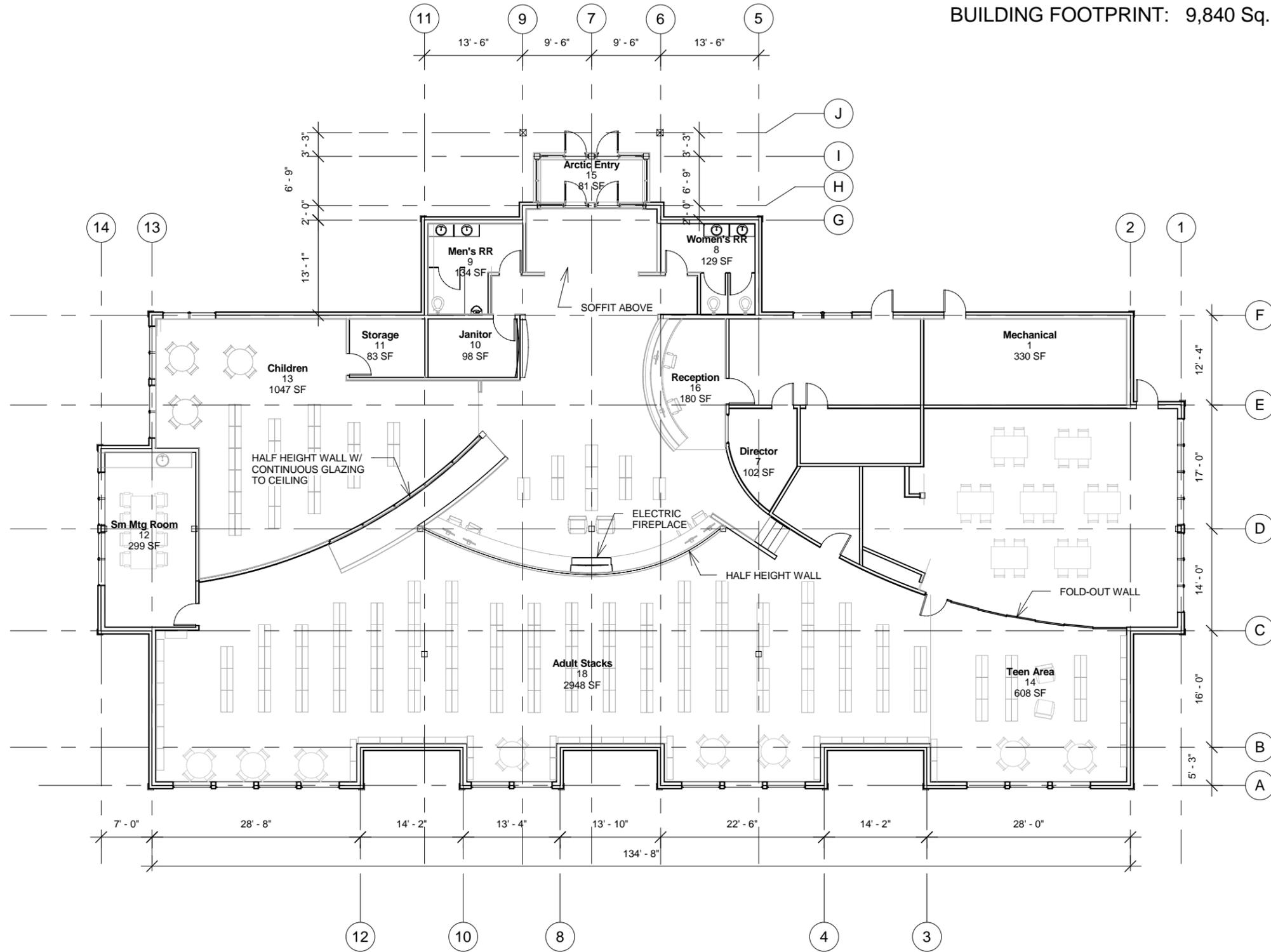
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BUILDING FOOTPRINT: 9,840 Sq. Ft.



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