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### **Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Unalaska, Alaska:**

Construction on the City of Unalaska Library Building Improvement Project remains on schedule, after adding three weeks for the south roof replacement. During the planned replacement of the roof's north side, workers discovered that the south roof had experienced a structural failure and required replacement in order to maintain building integrity. We anticipate that our general contractor, F&W Construction, will complete their work in December. After construction is complete, we will begin to install furniture, equipment, and artwork, followed by our library collection. Based on this timeline, we expect to be ready for a Grand Reopening in March 2023.

In October, workers drywalled interior walls, painted the interior and exterior of the building, completed concrete work in the parking lot and entryway, installed windows throughout the building, installed lights and ceiling grids, and ran cable and wire throughout the building. In November, the fireplace and adjacent artwork by Ray Hudson will be installed and tiled, remaining windows and interior glass will go up, and workers will start laying carpet.

During construction, patrons can access library services and a limited collection in our temporary Burma Road Chapel Library, located at 28 East Broadway, Monday – Friday, 10 am – 9 pm and Saturday – Sunday, 12 pm – 6 pm.

For project photos and updates, please visit <https://www.ci.unalaska.ak.us/library/page/library-expansion-temporary-location>.

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Fireplace Installation. When construction is complete, the fireplace will have a tile surround, with a woodblock collage by artist Ray Hudson.  
Photo by F&W Construction.



Entryway before final concrete pour, with visible rebar and icemelt system tubing.  
Photo by F&W Construction.



Interior view shows new paint, lighting, and ceiling panels. The children's room is partially visible on the left. A study room is in the center, and the teen room is on the right. These areas are largely inside the expanded square footage.  
Photo by Karen Kresh, City of Unalaska.