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Monday, June 13, 2022, Unalaska, Alaska:

Construction on the City of Unalaska Library Building Improvement Project kicked off on April 18, with the arrival of workers from F&W Construction. Workers immediately began demolition, and with that work now complete, the building's interior is almost unrecognizable. Workers have removed flooring, sheetrock, and ceiling tiles in most areas, leaving just the building's bones intact.

On May 18, workers began pouring concrete, primarily for the foundation of the expanded area, which will include a large community gathering room, expanded children's room, and a new enclosed teen room. Concrete work continued through early June, with structural steel and new roof work to follow. Work is proceeding on schedule, but supply chain delays continue to be a potential issue. We project that construction will be complete near the beginning of 2023.

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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The City of Unalaska Roads Crew transplanted the spruce tree previously growing in front of the library. It is currently settling into its new home on the east side of the library.
Photo by F&W Construction.



Fresh concrete for the expansion area.
Photo by Marc Kielmeyer, City of Unalaska.



The library's beloved Ray Hudson Room after demolition. The room will be restored to new condition, receiving new paint, carpet, and furniture during the renovation.
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