

Jurong Regional Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Date: 4 June 2004 • Floor Area: 12,020 square meters • Collection Size: 480,000 • Target Community: Residents in the Western region of Singapore
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verging All Teens (V.A.T.) <p>Jurong Regional Library is the first library in Singapore to offer a dedicated Teens Library service called “Verging All teens (V.A.T.)”, a library created for teens by teens, to inspire teens.</p> <p>Black shelves, different from the rest of the library, have been used to give a unique identity, and a classic and contemporary look to the library. The different types of seating arrangements at the area also give the space a unique feel for the teens.</p> <p>V.A.T. also has facilities such as a stage for open-mic gigs and performances to showcase young talents to their peers, and other teens’ programmes as well as a revamped Chillax Zone which is situated outside V.A.T to enable teens to discuss among one another.</p> • Pseudo Book Club <p>Pseudo Book Club is a book club facilitated by young adults for young adults (aged 13-19years). It is highly recommended for student librarians and all young adults who enjoy reading. The sessions are thematic based. For every theme, a book or a story will be presented by one or two facilitators who will touch on selected aspects such as important learning points.</p> <p>Participants can attend the sessions without having to read the book as the assigned facilitator(s) will share the details with all. Discussions are done in various creative ways such as interactive games or quizzes and little text based. A librarian will be present to oversee the flow of presentation and discussion, summarise the content and provide readalikes that fit the theme. Participants meet every 3rd Saturday of the month.</p> • Dollars and Sense <p>The Dollars and Sense Learning Community (LC) focuses on sharing key financial literacy topics such as retirement planning, basic investing, savings and budgeting. This session is held every 3rd Saturday of the month.</p>
Collection Highlights	<p>Jurong Regional Library has an extensive collection and targets those who have more specialized information needs. It has a collection size of about 450,000 volumes.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People Collection: The Teens Library takes up approximately 1,200 square meters of the fourth level, and has a distinct collection of various genres of comics and graphic novels in mainly English and Chinese. It features the largest comic collection among the public libraries. Popular comics, such as the X-men series and those from Marvel, as well as works by writers such as Neil Gaiman, can be found here. • Early Literacy Library: Jurong Regional Library is also the first library in Singapore to house the Early Literacy Library located at the basement. This library houses a collection of 60,000 books which caters to two age groups: under 3 years and 4 to 6 years. <p>The collection focuses on five key areas – playing, talking, singing, reading and writing – which are vital to children’s learning and development. The collection for children below 3 years old is categorised into the themes of Sense & Sensation, Concepts, Languages, Poetry & Rhymes and Emergent Reader. The books and audio-visual materials are available in the four official languages.</p>
Services and Facilities	<p>a) Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating capacity: 800 • Multimedia stations • Microfilm services • Newspaper Reading Area • Magazine Corner • 24-hour Bookdrop • Reservation Lockers • Programme Zone • 2 Project Rooms • Quiet Reading Area • Stage Area/Activity Zone (Basement 1) • Café • Water Cooler • IDA Labs@NLB (Level 2) <p>b) Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes • User education and Information literacy programmes • Library outreaches • Performances and activities • Talks and workshops • Exhibitions and displays • Advisory Services
Library History	<p>Jurong Regional library was officially opened on 4 Jun 2004 by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, then Acting Minister for Education. The library was originally opened on 1 August 1988 as Jurong East Community Library by Mr Ho Kah Leong, then Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Communications & Information) and then Member of</p>

	<p>Parliament for Jurong Constituency. After the completion of its refurbishment in 2004, it re-opened as a regional library.</p> <p>It is the third regional library and the largest public library under the National Library Board network of public libraries.</p>
<p>Interesting Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V.A.T. was awarded the Japan Creation Award 2009 (Overseas Division) by the Japan Fashion Association in March, 2010 at Tokyo, Japan. • Jurong Regional Library is the first public library in Singapore with a skylight incorporated into its structure. It is also the first to use a unique energy saving reflector light technology in Singapore. This technology works by using high reflecting aluminium mirrors, saving up to fifty percent of energy used in conventional lighting.

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