Bedok Public Library

Fast Facts	• Opening Date: 28 September 1985 • Floor Area: 5,088 square meters • Collection Size: 253,420 • Target Community: Residents in Bedok North, Bedok Reservoir, Bedok South, Frankel, Kaki Bukit and Kembangan
Key Highlights	• **Loaning of eDevices** A new service to loan the eDevices (iPads, TumbleBooks Playaways and Kindles) was launched on 21 June 2012 at Bedok Public Library by Minister of State for Trade and Industry and National Development, Mr Lee Yi Shyan. This initiative is part of NLB's efforts to help bridge the digital divide among Singaporeans. • **iPad Workshops** On the first and last Friday of every month, the library offers an hour-long iPad workshop during which patrons may borrow an iPad home. Registration is required via walk-in or call to Helpdesk.
Collection Highlights	**Malay Collection:** The Malay Library Services at Bedok Public Library has the largest and most comprehensive collection of print and non-print materials in Malay within the network of public libraries in Singapore. It provides library users with a wide-ranging and varied selection of books and audio-visual materials in Malay for lending and reference purposes. Non-Malay users can also learn more about the language and literature from the collection. **iPad Loans:** Bedok Public Library is possibly the 1st public library in Southeast Asia to loan out iPads to the general public for a period of 3 weeks. The library has 100 donated iPad2s for loan per month. The e-initiative has received much media publicity for its attempt to bridge the digital divide in Singapore.
Services and Facilities	**a) Facilities** • Seating capacity: 565 • Multimedia stations • Newspaper Reading Area • 24-hour Bookdrop • Programme Zone • 2 Multi-Purpose Rooms • Quiet Reading Room • Stage • Water Cooler **b) Services** • Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes • User education and Information literacy programmes

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	• Library outreaches • Performances and activities • Talks and workshops • Exhibitions and displays
Library History	Bedok Public Library was officially opened on 28 September 1985 by Prof. S Jayakumar, then Minister for Law & Foreign Affairs and Second Minister for Law. The library was the sixth branch built by the National Library Board with an opening day that saw a total attendance of 20,000 people. The library was closed for major upgrading works, which included replacing the manual system of issuing and collection books by automated self-check machines and bookdrops, in January 2001. It was reopened on 18 November by Professor S. Jayakumar.
Interesting Facts	Bedok is the Malay name for the drum (spelt *bedoh*) that was used in 'pre-loudspeaker days' to call worshippers to pray or convey important announcements or messages to the nearby villagers.

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