

Bishan Public Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Date: 1 September 2006• Floor Area: 4,000 square meters• Collection Size: 260,000• Target Community: Residents of Bishan, Marymount, and Upper Thomson
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pods<p>Bishan Public Library is well known for its architecture which captures the look and feel of a tree house with distinctive coloured pods.</p><p>Individual pods are cantilevered off the building's main facade and in the building atrium to create more private spaces by adding a touch of individuality within the library. They act as spaces for quiet reflection by individual users.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning I.T for Seniors Club (L.I.T.S)<p>The Learning IT for Seniors Club (L.I.T.S) meet once a month to make friends, learn information technology and how it can be applied to our daily life. The club is open to participants who are 50 years old and above. There are sessions in both Mandarin and English which alternate on a bi-monthly basis. These sessions are facilitated by librarians.</p>• Seniors' Chinese Reading Club<p>The club meets once a month for a 1.5 hours-long book discussion session in Mandarin. These sessions are facilitated by librarians, and the books discussed are mainly short stories/compilations, popular titles, or titles by local authors.</p>• Play@Library

	<p>In this unstructured play programme, children and parents can learn, socialise and make new friends. The programme is held every Tuesday and Sunday for a 3 hour duration. This is a self-guided programme open to children aged 6 years and below who must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.</p>
<p>Collection Highlights</p>	<p>Adults' and Young People's Collection:</p> <p>The Adults' Collection is found on Levels 2 and 3. There is a large variety of non-fiction books on different subjects, including Business, Finance, Health and Fitness, Cookery, Recreation and Travel Guides. Our collection of adult fiction can be found on Level 3.</p> <p>The Young People's Collection has materials suitable for teens from the ages of 13 to 19 and is located on Level 4. It bridges the gap for readers moving from the Children's collection to the Adult collection.</p> <p>Children's Collection:</p> <p>The Children's Collection has materials suitable for children from the ages of 0 to 12 and is located at the Basement. The collection includes children's magazines, books for babies, picture books for pre-schoolers, as well as stories, fairy tales and informational books for older children.</p>
<p>Services and Facilities</p>	<p>a) Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multimedia stations • Newspaper Reading Area • Magazines Reading Area • Reservation Locker • Quick Charge Stations • 24-hour Bookdrop • Activity Room • Programme Zone • Multi-Purpose Room • Café • Water Cooler <p>b) Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes • Library outreaches • Performances and activities • Talks and workshops • Exhibitions and displays

Library History	Bishan Public Library was officially opened on 1 September 2006 by Mr Wong Kan Seng, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, and Member of Parliament representing the Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC.
Interesting Facts	Bishan Public Library was featured on the front cover of <i>Libraries</i> , a book about library architecture, as an example of good library design. It was also awarded the President's Design Award, Design of the Year 2007. The President's Design Award is Singapore's highest honour accorded to designers and designs from all design disciplines.

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