Bukit Batok Public Library

Fast Facts	• Opening Date: 21 November 1998 • Floor Area: 1,279 square meters • Collection Size: 166,925 • Target Community: Residents in Hong Kah, Jurong, West Coast, Ayer Rajah, Bukit Timah and Choa Chu Kang
Key Highlights	• **Heartlands Book Club** The Heartlands Book Club, formed in August 2005, is open to all reading enthusiasts. A main feature of the book club involves inviting local, as well as foreign, authors to discuss their books and enrich club members' literary experience. The club meets on the last Friday of every month.
Collection Highlights	The largest collection is the Children's English books (both fiction and non-fiction), followed by English books for Adults. The Children's Section is also decorated with colourful animal cartoons to attract children's interest and inspire creativity.
Services and Facilities	**a) Facilities** • Seating capacity: 149 • Multimedia stations • Newspaper Reading Area • Bookdrop (8.30am – 10.00pm) • Activity Room **b) Services** • Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes • User education and Information literacy programmes • Library outreaches • Performances and activities • Talks and workshops • Exhibitions and displays
Library History	Bukit Batok Public Library was officially opened on 21 November 1998 by then Deputy Prime Minister BG (NS) Lee Hsien Loong. It is located inside the popular West Mall Shopping Centre. The library underwent a renovation and retrofitting exercise in 2011. Some of the changes made included relocating the customer service counter to be nearer the library entrance, converting existing counter space into a digital service area housing 8 multi-media stations, and expanding the newspaper reading area. In addition, other physical improvements such as carpeting and repainting works were carried out to improve the ambience. Lights were also replaced to reduce uneven lighting in the library.

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Interesting Facts	• Bukit Batok Public Library has the distinction of being the first library to introduce the Electronic Library Management System (ELIMS).It allows for automated and instantaneous book borrowing, as well as instant return of books via bookdrop at any public library in Singapore.
	• Another interesting feature of the library is its glass panel showcase facing the shopping centre aisle, designed to resemble an ordinary retail shopfront for better integration in the mall.

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