Cheng San Public Library

Fast Facts	• Opening Date: 6 March 1997 • Floor Area: 1,467 square meters • Collection Size: 178,068 • Target Community: Residents in Upper Paya Lebar, Hougang, Sengkang and Serangoon
Key Highlights	• **Artistic Spaces** One of the highlights of Cheng San Public Library is the artistic spaces that feature art works and help to promote art appreciation to the community. An attractive and brightly coloured entrance encourages library users to peruse these spaces. The library is also designed to have the feel of an art gallery with walls and ceilings that break up the monotonous profile. This helps to create a dynamic spatial experience for visitors. • **Reading Spaces** Book display areas have been designed to incorporate fluid and sculptural forms. Apart from enhancing the experience of visiting the library, these book shelves also offer an interactive function. Conventional reading spaces are thus transformed into an artistic environment condusive for reading, while a comprehensive and neatly arranged magazine area provides easy access to titles and browsing facilities.

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	Children's Section The Baby Corner contains attractive furniture for children and parents to sit and read comfortably with each other. The Children's Section is also garden-themed, with decorations and aesthetic effects that draw young children's attention and interest.
Collection Highlights	• **Collection Size**: 178,068 books, 2,630 audio-visual items, 4,653 serials and local newspaper titles. • **Adults and Young People's Collection:** With about 85,538 volumes in the Adults' and Young People's Collection covering the four official languages, readers have a comprehensive selection to choose from for their reading and information needs. The Young People's collection has materials suitable for teens from the ages of 13 to 19. It bridges the gap for readers moving from the Children's Collection to the Adult Collection. There is also a large variety of non-fiction books on different subjects, including Business, Finance, Health and Fitness, Cookery, Recreational and Travel Guides. • **Children's Collection:** The Children's collection has materials suitable for children from the ages of 0 to 12. The 89,885 volume-strong collection includes books for babies, picture books for pre-schoolers, as well as stories and informational books for the older children.
Services and Facilities	**a) Facilities** • Seating capacity: 138 • Multimedia stations • Newspaper Reading Area • Bookdrop (9.00am – 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	Cheng San Public Library was officially opened on 6th March 1997 by Mr. Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Member of Parliament for Cheng San GRC (Punggol East). It is located in Hougang Mall, within walking distance from Hougang MRT station.

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	In 2013, the library underwent a renovation and refurbishment exercise that gave it a new facelift and increased its seating capacity.
Interesting Facts	• Cheng San Public Library is the first library to acquire artworks from local artists in line with NLB's effort to promote local artists and art appreciation among readers. Art works featured in the library includes sculptures and paintings by renowned and budding artists such as Ng Eng Teng, Iskandar Jalil, Hassan Z. Rahim, Siak Fahn Ein and Lim Tiong Ghee. • It is also the first library to introduce the cluster concept in multimedia services and self-check machines.

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