

# Geylang East Public Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening Date: 26 July 1988</li><li>• Floor Area: 3817 square metres</li><li>• Collection Size: 240,000</li><li>• Target Community: Residents in Aljunied, Geylang East, Geylang West, Geylang Serai, Jalan Besar, Eunos, Kampong Ubi, Kallang and MacPherson, Lavender, Kaki Bukit and Sims Drive</li></ul>
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Golden Circle</b> The Golden Circle is an English book club for seniors. Discussions are centred around fiction books. The club meets up bi-monthly: every second Tuesday of the month in January, February, May, July, September and November</li><li>• <b>Quick 6 Strength Exercise Interest Group</b> The Quick 6 Strength Exercise Interest Group is a workout session for Seniors. The exercises are designed to strengthen the muscles and bones and are particularly beneficial for seniors. Every first and third Wednesday of the month</li><li>• <b>Malay in Minutes!</b> Malay in Minutes! is a book club for adults where simple Malay books are used as learning tools to improve participants' ability to converse in Malay. The sessions take place on every 3rd Thursday of the month with a break in December</li><li>• <b>Sunday Origami</b> Sunday Origami is a monthly programme for origami enthusiasts to learn about origami, its development and folding techniques. Conducted by Origami Singapore, the participants will have opportunity to try out and make their own creations and bring them home! This programme is recommended for adults and those with children (7–12) are encouraged to join in as an excellent family bonding activity</li><li>• <b>Nature-Themed Look</b> The library features a nature-themed look, with green reading areas at Levels 1 and 2. Live plants also grace areas near the main staircase</li></ul>  <p data-bbox="544 2011 762 2045">Library Entrance</p>

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	 <p>Green landscape near the staircase</p>  <p>Green Reading Area (Level 1)</p>
Collection Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection Size: As of May 2018, the library's collection size is about 240,000. The largest collection is the English books for adults (both fiction and non-fiction), followed by English books for children</li> </ul>
Services and Facilities	<p><b>a) Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seating capacity: 160</li> <li>Multimedia stations</li> <li>Newspaper Reading Area</li> <li>24-hour Bookdrop</li> <li>Activity Room</li> <li>Multi-Purpose Hall</li> <li>Quiet Reading Room</li> <li>Water Cooler</li> <li>Smart Work Office (run by Regus)</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes</li> <li>User education and Information literacy programmes</li> <li>Library outreaches</li> <li>Performances and activities</li> <li>Talks and workshops</li> <li>Exhibitions and displays</li> </ul>
Library History	Geylang East Public Library was officially opened on 26 July 1988 by Mr

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Wong Kang Seng, then Minister for Community Development and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs. The seventh branch to be launched in the network of public libraries, the 4.5 million-dollar library opened fully computerised, with a collection of 100,000 publications. It served about 200,000 residents in the vicinity at the time.

The library was closed from 18 March till 28 April 2002 for the installation of the new Electronic Library Management System (ELIMS). This system features radio-frequency identification technology which allows books to be returned the moment they enter the automated book-drop system and the loan records of the patrons immediately updated.

The library also underwent a renovation and refurbishment exercise in 2012. In addition to its new nature-themed look, a lounge area at the Adult's Section was added, as well as new angled tables which were placed at the newspaper reading area.



Lounge Area, Level 2



Newspaper Reading Area, Level 2

The library has three storeys, the first level being designated for children and parents while the second floor is for adults and youths. The third floor houses the staff office, hall, meeting rooms and the Smart Work Office (run by Regus)

## Interesting Facts

- Geylang East Public Library went through 2 facelifts in 2002 and 2013 to improve its infrastructure and overall look
- Geylang East Public Library works together with the Geylang East Grove Residents' Committee and is the venue for their annual garage sale

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The library has been providing loan services for SONY E-Readers for library members since 12 July 2013</li></ul>
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