

# Jurong Regional Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Date: 4 June 2004</li> <li>• Floor Area: 12,020 square meters</li> <li>• Collection Size: 480,000</li> <li>• Target Community: Residents in the western region of Singapore</li> </ul>
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verging All Teens (V.A.T.)</b>  <p>Jurong Regional Library is the first library in Singapore to offer a dedicated Teens Library service called “Verging All Teens” (V.A.T.), a library space created for teens by teens, to inspire teens.</p> <p>Single-word signs conceptualised by teens have produced labels like Oasis, Coollections, Stage, Multimedia, Earth, which allow for areas within V.A.T. to be easily identified. Black shelves, different from the rest of the library, have been used to give the space a uniquely classical and contemporary look.</p> <p>V.A.T. also houses facilities such as a stage for open-mic gigs and performances to showcase young talents to their peers, and to host different types of teens’ programmes.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Pseudo Book Club</b>  <p>Pseudo Book Club is a club facilitated by young adults for young adults (aged 13 - 19 years). The sessions are theme-based, with one or two facilitators presenting books and stories based on particular themes and touching on important learning points.</p> <p>Participants can attend the sessions without having to read the book as the facilitators will share the story details. Discussions are conducted in creative ways such as through interactive games, quizzes and brief text exercises. A librarian will be present to oversee and conclude the session, as well as provide readalikes that fit the theme. Participants meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Dollars and Sense</b>  <p>The Dollars and Sense Learning Community focuses on sharing information regarding key financial topics such as retirement planning, basic investing, savings and budgeting. This programme is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.</p> </li> </ul>
Collection Highlights	<p>Jurong Regional Library has an extensive collection and targets visitors with specialised information needs. It has a collection size of about 480,000 volumes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Young People Collection:</b> The Teens Library takes up approximately 1,200 square meters of the fourth level, and has a distinct collection of comics and graphic novels, mainly in English and Chinese. It features the largest comic collection among the public libraries. Popular superhero comics, as well as graphic novels by writers such as Neil Gaiman can be found here.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early Literacy Library:</b> Jurong Regional Library is also the first library in Singapore to house an Early Literacy Library which is located at the basement. This library houses a collection of 60,000 books which caters to two age groups: under 3 year olds and 4 to 6 year olds.</li> </ul> <p>The collection focuses on five key areas – playing, talking, singing, reading and writing – which are vital to children’s learning and development. The collection for children below 3 years’ old is categorised into the themes of Sense &amp; Sensation, Concepts, Languages, Poetry &amp; Rhymes and Emergent Reader. The books and audio-visual materials are available in the four official languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reference Collection:</b> Jurong Regional Library also has a full-fledged reference collection which is available for borrowing by library patrons.</li> </ul>
Services and Facilities	<p><b>a) Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating capacity: 800</li> <li>• Multimedia stations</li> <li>• Microfilm services</li> <li>• Newspaper Reading Area</li> <li>• 24-hour Bookdrop</li> <li>• Programme Zone</li> <li>• 2 Project Rooms</li> <li>• Quiet Reading Room</li> <li>• Stage Area/Activity Zone (Basement 1)</li> <li>• Café</li> <li>• Water Cooler</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> <li>• Advisory Services</li> </ul>
Library History	<p>Jurong Regional Library was officially opened on 4 June 2004 by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Acting Minister for Education. The library was originally opened on 1 August 1988 as Jurong East Community Library by Mr Ho Kah, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Communications &amp; Information) and MP for Jurong GRC. After the completion of its refurbishment in 2004, it re-opened as a regional library.</p> <p>It is the third regional library and the largest public library under the National Library Board network of public libraries.</p>

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Interesting Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• V.A.T. was awarded the Japan Creation Award 2009 (Overseas Division) by the Japan Fashion Association in March, 2010 at Tokyo, Japan.</li><li>• Jurong Regional Library is the first public library in Singapore with a skylight incorporated into its structure. It is also the first to use a unique energy saving reflector light technology in Singapore. This technology works by using high reflecting aluminium mirrors, saving up to fifty percent of energy used in conventional lighting.</li></ul>
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