

# Queenstown Public Library

<p>Fast Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Date: 30 April 1970</li> <li>• Floor Area: 3,349 square meters</li> <li>• Collection Size: 248,695</li> <li>• Target Community: Residents of Alexandra, Queenstown, Commonwealth, Buona Vista, Dover, Ghim Moh, Kent Ridge, Holland, Pasir Panjang and Tanglin Halt</li> </ul>
<p>Key Highlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Garden-Themed Programmes</b> <p>In early 2013, Queenstown Public Library's outdoor foot reflexology path was removed to make way for a community garden. The library is currently part of the Community in Bloom project, an initiative by the National Parks Board (NParks) in which members of the community volunteer to look after designated gardening areas. Members meet every fortnight to engage in various gardening activities.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Community in Bloom members participating in various gardening activities</p> <p>In addition, the library also holds monthly evening programmes which cover topics related to nature and garden.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Movie Screenings</b> <p>Queenstown Public Library was the first public library to conduct free monthly movie screenings in 2012. The library currently holds movie screenings every fortnight, on Saturdays from 4 – 6 pm. Movie titles cover a variety of family-friendly flicks, icebreaker games are played at the start of each screening.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> </li> </ul>

	<p>L: Patrons enjoying a movie at the library R: Sample of a movie poster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Heritage Trails</b> <p>Due to its rich history, the library is part of the Heritage Trail conducted every last Sunday of the month by the group My Community. Library staff and My Community's tour guides bring trail participants around the library and share on past photos, interesting trivia about the library's history as well as current-day operations.</p>  <p>Showing the library's history to trail participants</p> </li> </ul>
<p>Collection Highlights</p>	<p>Queenstown Public Library has a collection size of about 248,695 books, magazines and audio-visual items. These include collections suitable for children, teenagers and adults. Popular Adult non-fiction titles are categorised by subject groups such as Business, Travel, Cookery, etc to facilitate ease of browsing for visitors.</p>
<p>Services and Facilities</p>	<p><b>a) Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating capacity: 239</li> <li>• Multimedia stations</li> <li>• Newspaper Reading Area</li> <li>• E-Newspaper Service</li> <li>• 24-hour Bookdrop</li> <li>• Programme Zone</li> <li>• Multi-Purpose Room</li> <li>• Quiet Reading Room</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>• Class visits</li> <li>• Library outreaches</li> <li>• Information Literacy programmes</li> <li>• Talks and workshops</li> <li>• Exhibitions and displays</li> </ul>

<p>Library History</p>	<p>Queenstown Public Library was officially opened on 30 April 1970 by then Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew. The library was Singapore's first full-time branch library, built by the National Library in its plan to decentralise reading services. On 7 October 1987, Queenstown Public Library became the first public library in the National Library Board's network to have its library services put online.</p> <p>The library was closed for upgrading work on 4 February 2003 and was officially reopened on 31 October 2003 by Associate Professor Koo Tsai Kee, then Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of National Development, and MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.</p> <p>Queenstown Public Library is currently Singapore's oldest public library after the National Library at Stamford Road was torn down in 2004. On 3 October 2013, it was announced that Queenstown Public Library would be gazetted for conservation by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).</p>
<p>Interesting Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queenstown Public Library is the first library to be gazetted for conservation by the URA.</li> <li>• Some of the original architectural features the library has preserved include its distinctive outer fence and wall, as well as the 'bow-tie' motif found at the entrance of the library.</li> <li>• In addition to the current grey, other colours Queenstown Public Library has been painted in over the years include beige, orange and blue.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>L: The library painted in orange. R: The library now in hues of grey.</p>

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