

Tampines Regional Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening date: 3 December 1994 (Temporarily closed on 4 June 2017) • Re-opening Date: 5 August 2017 • Floor Area: 10,900 square meters • Collection Size: 400,000 items • Target Community: Residents in Tampines and in the Eastern region of Singapore
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers' Corner for Friends of the Library A dedicated library space for volunteers nestled within Level 6 where volunteers can gather to share knowledge and plan activities to promote the love for reading to other library users. They also promote volunteering opportunities and library programmes to other library users. In addition, the whole of the 6th floor will be a volunteer-run floor where volunteers will assist with the shelving of books as well as roving duties to attend to user enquiries and promote good library etiquette. Patrons interested to volunteer at Tampines Regional Library may sign up on NLB website to be involved in areas such as shelving, library user education, and programme facilitation. • PIXEL Labs@NLB A dedicated space on Level 4 with tools, equipment, and hardware kits that enable patrons to learn, create, invent and share skills. NLB's second PIXEL Labs@NLB takes collaborative learning to another level. Besides tinkering with 3D printers and Arduino, the themes will be expanded to include arts and multi-media production. In addition to technology-related making, there are ground-up initiatives where hobby groups can meet and use the space to pursue their learning interests together. • Integrated spaces within the library This is the first time NLB is integrating another agency's space within a library. Tampines Regional Library integrates community learning spaces such as the PA-managed culinary studios (Level 2), interest group activity rooms (Level 2), and an indoor playground (Level 3) for young children within the library, to encourage different forms of learning. Co-located within the library on Level 2 and managed by the National Heritage Board, is also Our Community Gallery – which will feature exhibitions on Tampines heritage and stories of Tampines residents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WISHers Reading Club <p>WISHers is a language learning group for senior citizens and housewives. It caters to participants who wish to improve their use of <i>hanyu-pinyin</i> and English-speaking ability through basic conversation and simple language lessons. The group is run by volunteers with accompanying book displays and resource recommendations curated by librarians.</p>
Collection Highlights	<p>Tampines Regional Library has an extensive collection for users of all age groups who have more extensive information needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donated Chinese Children’s Collection by the Chou Sing Chu Foundation: In an effort to promote learning and reading in Chinese, the Chou Sing Chu Foundation has donated 32,000 Chinese Children’s titles to Tampines Regional Library. In addition, the CSCF conducts programmes and activities to encourage reading of Chinese materials in children. <p>Early Literacy Library: The new Tampines Regional Library will house an Early Literacy Library located at Level 3 for young children. The collection focuses on key areas that are vital to children’s learning and development and include books for children below 3 years that is categorised into the themes of Sense and Sensation, Concepts, Languages, Poetry and Rhymes, and Emergent Reader. There are also books and audio-visual materials for children between 4 to 6 years that are available in the four official languages.</p>
Services and Facilities	<p>a) Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating capacity: 515 • Multimedia stations • Newspaper Reading Area • Programme Zone • Maker space • Study Lounge • Programme Zone • Water Coolers <p>b) Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes • Class visits • Library outreaches • Talks and workshops • Exhibitions and displays
Library History	<p>Tampines Regional Library was first opened on 3 December 1994 by Dr Aline Wong, Senior Minister of State for Education and Health. It was the first regional library to be set up by the National Library Board. It was temporarily closed at its premises at Tampines Ave 7 on 4 June 2017, with 3 June 2017 being its last day of operations before the relocation.</p>

	<p>The library was officially re-opened on 5th August 2017 by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information. The new library is among a suite of community services provided at Our Tampines Hub and continues to serve the Tampines community. Situated close to the Tampines MRT station and bus interchange, the library spans over five floors at the Hub.</p>
<p>Interesting Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot interesting iterations of the “choo-choo” trains that used to be in the Children’s Section of Tampines Regional Library at various parts of the new library. • The library is built around part of a football field. Walking through the whole library will help you clock approximately 3,000 steps!

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