

## Woodlands Regional Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Date: 28 April 2001</li> <li>• Floor Area: 11,100 square meters</li> <li>• Collection Size: 390,000</li> <li>• Target Community: Residents in the northern region of Singapore</li> </ul>
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Silver Infocomm Junction (SIJ)</b>  A collaboration between the National Library Board and the Infocomm Development Authority, the SIJ offers adults aged 50 and above an enriching space to learn about basic computing skills, social networking, how to access NLB's eResources, and more.</li> <li>• <b>FUNdaMENTALs Reading Club</b>  FUNdaMENTALs is a reading club formed to encourage the confident use of English amongst adults in a comfortable environment through book discussions.</li> <li>• <b>Share Chinese Reading Club</b>  This club is for adults who are passionate about Chinese stories and culture. The participants read and discuss short stories and novels.</li> <li>• <b>Little Avid Readers &amp; Junior Avid Readers Clubs</b>  Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, the book clubs aim to promote the love of reading and cultivate good reading habits in Mandarin.  Suitable for young children aged 4-6 years old, Little Avid Readers consists of a series of storytelling and activities for both children and parents.  The Junior Avid Readers club is suitable for children aged 7-9 years old. It encourages social interaction and facilitates creative self-expression through different themes of storytelling and activities.</li> <li>• <b>Book Rangers</b>  A partnership with SINDA, this is a Tamil Junior Read, Write, Tell club for children of age between 7 and 12 years old. It aims to inculcate the interest for reading among children as well as nurture the next generation of writers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ARTSEEN</b></li> </ul> <p>ARTSEEN is a community arts and culture node initiative, in collaboration with the National Arts Council, which seeks to promote vibrant arts learning within libraries, where artists and the community connect and engage in authentic art experiences.</p>
Collection Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian Children’s Literature (ACL) Collection</b></li> </ul> <p>Woodlands Regional Library houses the Asian Children’s Literature (ACL) Collection, the first thematic collection assembled by the National Library Board. Launched on 20 April 2012, it aims to raise awareness and promote deeper understanding about Asian children’s literature, Asian culture and heritage among researchers, teachers, parents and children.</p> <p>Located on the fourth level where the children and parenting sections are, the ACL Collection holds about 8,000 items, including rare publications dating back to the 1900s that were previously not available for public viewing. The collection is accompanied by a thematic exhibition that is refreshed periodically.</p>
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>• Newspaper Reading Area</li> <li>• 24-hour Bookdrop</li> <li>• 24-hour Reservation Lockers</li> <li>• Programme Zone</li> <li>• Activity Room</li> <li>• 2 Project Rooms</li> <li>• Quiet Reading Room</li> <li>• Auditorium</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>• Infocomm programmes</li> <li>• Talks and workshops</li> <li>• Exhibitions and displays</li> </ul>
Library History	<p>Woodlands Regional Library was officially opened on 28 April 2001 by Dr Tony Tan, then Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Defence and MP of</p>

	<p>Sembawang GRC. It was Singapore's first full-fledged regional library following the prototype regional library in Tampines. Occupying four storeys and part of a basement in the Woodlands Civic Centre, it boasts a floor space of 11,100 square meters, and is a one-stop information and reference centre for the northern sector of Singapore.</p>
<p>Interesting Facts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library is designed to create an ambience that reflects the themes of nature and the environment. For instance, visitors stepping into the library are greeted by a soothing waterfall feature at the atrium.</li> <li>• Ceramic murals and paintings by local artists grace the walls of the library with the aim of raising awareness of the local arts scene in the community.</li> <li>• The Children's Section at Level 4 is specially designed as a Reading Park to provide an environment conducive for families to read together. The Reading Park consists of four realms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The World of Stories features a parent-child reading corner, which encourages parents to discover the joys of reading together with their children. Picture books and toddler books are located here.</li> <li>- The World of Language houses children's books in Chinese, Malay and Tamil. Surrounding thematic displays highlight the value of the languages.</li> <li>- The World of Creativity showcases children's artistic endeavours, such as creative writing and artworks.</li> <li>- The World of Learning houses information books and the fairy tale collections.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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