

Toa Payoh Public Library

Fast Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Date: 7 February 1974 • Floor Area: 4,125 square meters • Collection Size: 240,000 • Target Community: Residents of Toa Payoh and Novena
Key Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Writing the City Club <i>Writing the City Writers' Group</i> is a community of writers committed to the craft of writing. The monthly workshops offer participants writing exercises, guest lectures and exposure to literature from both established and emerging writers. ▪ Creative Crew Workshop Industry experts share their unique experiences on topics such as photography, print design, video, web and much more. Patrons will get to know the latest trends in graphic and digital media as well as useful tips and tricks for their own projects. <i>Creative Crew</i> talks are free of charge and take place every 2nd Tuesday of the month. ▪ Thangameen Readers Club <i>Thangameen Readers Club</i> is a reading club formed to encourage the confident use of Tamil across all ages. With short film screenings, short story writing competitions and impromptu poetry contests, the club covers as many literary aspects of language use as possible. ▪ eReader Service The eReader loan service allows library-users to borrow Sony eReaders and download their favourite ebooks from OverDrive (a popular ebook database). Registration is required before library users can borrow and collect the eReaders.
Collection Highlights	<p>Toa Payoh Public Library has a collection of more than 240,000 print and non-print items that include books, periodicals and audio visual materials.</p> <p>Our uniquely designed Children's Section at level 1 reflects the nostalgic memories of the traditional dragon playground in Toa Payoh. The hexagonal shapes in the Baby Books' corner are inspired by the mosaic tiles used in the playground.</p> <p>Our Newspapers & Magazines Lounge and a selection of large print books which are suitable for our senior citizens are housed in the second floor of the library.</p> <p>The third floor of the library features the Teens' Zone with its prominent</p>

	display of graphic novels as well as the audio visual materials.
Services & Facilities	<p>a) Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seating capacity: 330 ▪ Multimedia stations ▪ 24-hour Bookdrop ▪ Newspapers & Magazines Lounge ▪ Teens' Zone ▪ Programme Zone ▪ Activity Zone ▪ Water Cooler <p>b) Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes ▪ Class visits ▪ Library outreaches ▪ Information Literacy programmes ▪ Talks and workshops ▪ Exhibitions and displays ▪ Sony eReader loan service
Library History	<p>Toa Payoh Public Library was officially inaugurated on 7 February 1974 by then Minister for Culture, Mr Jek Yeun Thong. The library is located in the heart of Toa Payoh Central. It was the second public library to be opened during the rapid expansion of the public library network in the 1970s.</p> <p>In 1998, the library underwent major renovation and was reopened on 10 May 1999 by then Minister for Home Affairs and MP for the Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC, Mr Wong Kan Seng.</p>
Interesting Facts	Toa Payoh Public Library celebrated its 40 th Anniversary in February 2014. The occasion was graced by Mrs Josephine Teo, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC.

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