

LIBRARY DETAILS

BISHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

Bishan Public Library is strategically located near Bishan MRT Station. It serves the communities of families, students, and general users in Bishan, Marymount and Upper Thomson.

Within its approximate gross floor area of 4,000 square metres spread over five levels, the library boasts wide-ranging collections of fiction and books on recreation, health, family and parenting, and business to cater to the recreational and general informational needs of readers.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Bishan Public Library is known for its distinctive architecture. The building's design captures the look and feel of a tree house. Individual coloured pods are cantilevered off the building's main façade. From the building's interior, these pods are suspended alcoves that act as spaces for quiet reading and reflection by individual users.

On the first floor, there is a café for diners to wind down for the day.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Tucked away in Basement 1, our Children's Collection has materials suitable for readers aged 0 to 12 in English and the Mother Tongue languages. This includes children's magazines and audiovisuals, books for babies, picture books for preschoolers, as well as fictional stories, fairy tales and informational books for children.

Level 2 consists of Adults' non-fiction in English on myriad subjects, including Business, Finance, Health and Fitness, Cookery, Recreation and Travel. There is also a selection of magazines in English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

Level 3 houses an extensive collection of Adults' fiction in English and the Mother Tongue languages. Additionally, the Singapore Collection – books on Singapore, or books by Singaporean authors – can be found here.

Level 4 is where our Young Adults' Collection is located. Bridging the gap for readers moving from the Children's Collection to the Adults' Collection, it has materials suitable for teen readers aged 13 to 17. On this floor, you can also find comics for Young Adults, and audiovisual materials.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Bishan Public Library was officially opened on 1 September 2006 by Mr Wong Kan Seng, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, and Member of Parliament representing the Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC.

INTERESTING FACTS

Bishan Public Library was featured on the front cover of *Libraries*, a book about library architecture, as an example of good library design. It was also awarded the President's Design Award, Design of the Year 2007. The President's Design Award is Singapore's highest honour accorded to designers and designs from all design disciplines.