

# LIBRARY DETAILS

## BUKIT PANJANG PUBLIC LIBRARY

### FAST FACTS

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Bukit Panjang Public Library is strategically located near Bukit Panjang MRT Station. It serves the communities of families, students, and general users in Bukit Panjang, Bukit Timah and Teck Whye. It has an approximate gross floor area of 2,300 square metres built over 2 zones, Children's zone and Adults' & Teens' zone.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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#### **Children's Zone and Adults' & Teens' Zone**

Children's zone pilots the Stories Come Alive Room, which makes use of images, light and sound effects to make storytelling an immersive and interactive experience for children. As for Adult's and Teens' zone, the area is managed by volunteers.

#### **Book Mountain**

The Book Mountains in both the Children's Zone and Adults' and Teens' Zones are creative expressions of shelving design with a gradual ramp and varying shelf heights that allow users to look out to the rest of the library.

### COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

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#### **Early Literacy Collection**

The Early Literacy Collections are shelved on low shelves and grouped into 5 categories: "Sense & Sensation", "Concepts", "Languages", "Poetry & Rhymes" and "Emergent Reader" to offer parents and caregivers a range of materials to support their child's development.

#### **Adults and Young People Collection**

The Adult and Young People's Collection consist of books, magazines and audio-visual materials in the four official languages. There are various genres of fiction books, alongside popular topics such as Health, Business, Cookery, Computers, among other subjects. Additionally, the Singapore Collection – books on Singapore, or books by Singaporean authors can also be found here.

## **LIBRARY HISTORY**

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Bukit Panjang Public Library was officially opened on 4 April 1998 by Dr. Teo Ho Pin, then Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC (Bukit Panjang Division). The library is located inside Bukit Panjang Plaza, a shopping mall in the heart of Bukit Panjang. It is the fourth library to be housed in a shopping mall and the fourteenth library of the National Library Board.

The library underwent a renovation and refurbishment exercise in 2009. Improvements made include a space expansion for book displays and mini exhibitions, re-carpeting and whitewashing, the installation of motion detector lighting in the staff workroom and energy-saving light replacements for the entire library.

The library took the opportunity to undergo another renovation in 2016, as Bukit Panjang Plaza was carrying out redevelopment works. The library reopened on 1 July 2017. There is an overall increase in floor area with two separate sections, namely the Children's Zone and the Adults' and Teens' Zones.

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

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The library was a prototype for the colour coding system in 1998. This system assigned a unique colour band to each letter of the alphabet or to the digits 0 to 9 and greatly reduced the time for processing and sorting of books by the staff.

Bukit Panjang Public Library was also the first library to implement barcodes on the books' front covers to facilitate faster check-out times for library users.