

LIBRARY DETAILS

LIBRARY@ORCHARD

FAST FACTS

library@orchard is the only design-niche public library in Singapore established in 2014. Featuring Instagram-worthy spots, it is a space for anyone who is keen to learn, ideate, and exchange knowledge: ***Design is for Everyone!***

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- library@orchard offers a design-centric suite of talks and workshops through our signature *Pro Series*, where local artists and designers share their expertise in their specialized fields.
- Through our artist-in-residency programme, *Resident*, library@orchard provides a platform for local artists to connect with the public and for library-goers to gain newer and deeper understanding of a design craft.
- library@orchard features three *Communities*, meetups which involve peer-to-peer learning on a variety of subjects without the aid of an instructor. Read aloud with book club *Reading Allowed*, share travel and culture experiences with *Caravanserai*, and create with other zine-makers in *Zzzink!*
- Our book trees on Level 4 are integrated book displays which feature books and digital displays of a design cluster or latest happenings at the library.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Fiction (L3) consists of young adult and adult titles only. All age groups are inter-shelved according to author.
- Non-fiction (L4) and Magazine Wall (L3) centres on five design clusters: People, Space, Product, Visual, and Lifestyle. All languages are inter-shelved according to these clusters, in the order of English, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Launched on 23 October 2014, by then-Minister for Communications and Information, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, library@orchard is centred on lifestyle, design, and the applied arts. The library is divided into The Studio and The Loft, library@orchard offers design-focused programmes and collections. Featuring a collection of about 100,000 titles, curated display areas, and three programme areas that can be combined into one, library@orchard is both a community space and a contemplative cavern.

INTERESTING FACTS

- library@orchard won *Design of the Year* under the Singapore's President's Design Award 2015.
- It was the first double-story public library to be located within a mall.
- Design-thinking is the framework by which library@orchard was conceptualised; The Studio (L3) is for co-creation and community learning, while The Loft (L4) for inspiration, reflection, and contemplation.