

LIBRARY DETAILS

TAMPINES REGIONAL LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

Opening date: 3 December 1994 (Temporarily closed on 4 June 2017)

Re-opening Date: 5 August 2017 (New premises within Our Tampines Hub)

Floor Area: 10,900 square meters

Collection Size: Over 400,000 items (as of 2020)

Target Community: Residents in Tampines and in the Eastern region of Singapore

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Volunteers' Corner for Friends of the Library

A dedicated library space for volunteers nestled within Level 6 where volunteers can gather to share knowledge and plan activities to promote the love for reading to other library users. They also promote volunteering opportunities and library programmes to other library users.

In addition, the entire 6th floor is a volunteer-run floor where volunteers assist with the shelving of books as well as perform roving duties to attend to user enquiries and promote good library etiquette.

Patrons interested to volunteer at Tampines Regional Library may sign up on NLB's website to be involved in areas such as shelving, library user education, and programme facilitation.

MakeIT at Tampines

A dedicated space on Level 4 with tools, equipment, and hardware kits that enable patrons to learn, create, invent and share skills.

NLB's second MakeIT at TRL takes collaborative learning to another level. Besides tinkering with 3D printers and Arduino, the themes will be expanded to include arts and multi-media production. In addition to technology-related making, there are ground-up initiatives where hobby groups can meet and use the space to pursue their learning interests together.

Integrated spaces within the library

This is the first time NLB is integrating spaces operated by other agencies within a library.

Tampines Regional Library integrates community learning spaces. These include:

- i. **Culinary studios and interest group activity rooms (Level 2, managed by the People's Association)**
- ii. **Our Tampines Gallery** which features exhibitions on the heritage of Tampines and stories of Tampines residents. **(Level 2, managed by National Heritage Board),**
- iii. **The Showcase (Level 2, managed by Singapore Discovery Centre)**
- iv. **Indoor playground (Level 3, managed by Playtopia)** for young children within the library, to encourage different forms of learning.

WISHers Reading Club

WISHers is a language learning group for senior citizens. It caters to participants who wish to improve their use of hanyu-pinyin and English-speaking ability through basic conversation and simple language lessons. The group is run by volunteers with accompanying book displays and resource recommendations curated by librarians.

Sessions are held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings.

Tampines Uke Jammers

The “Tampines Uke Jammers” was formed in 2018 by a group of library volunteers who are fun-loving ukulele enthusiasts. It is a regular get-together of friends to have a joyful time jamming.

Sessions are held 1st Friday (on Zoom and onsite at library) and every 3rd Friday (on Zoom only).

The Video Creators Club

Videos can be a fun and meaningful way to evoke laughter, convey sadness and spark joy. Learn how you can make your own videos at this learning community that is targeted for beginners and amateurs. From how to plan your videos to how to film creatively, join Mr. Philip Au, a professional videographer and passionate library volunteer, as he helps you find your voice through video! For seniors, sessions are conducted in English and held on a fortnightly basis for each project cycle.

Taiji Book Club

Taiji Book Club is a reading club conducted in Mandarin for adults, hoping to share with the public on how taichi may help to strengthen the body and maintain good health, as well as to promote Chinese martial traditions.

Sessions are currently held every 1st Sunday on Zoom

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Tampines Regional Library has a comprehensive collection for users of all age groups who have more extensive information needs.

Donated Chinese Children’s Collection by the Chou Sing Chu Foundation: In an effort to promote learning and reading in Chinese, [the Chou Sing Chu](#)

Foundation has donated 32,000 Chinese Children’s titles to Tampines Regional Library. In addition, the CSCF conducts programmes and activities to encourage reading of Chinese materials in children.

Early Literacy Library: Tampines Regional Library specially features an Early Literacy Library located at Level 3 for young children. The collection focuses on key areas that are vital to children’s learning and development and include books for children below 3 years that is categorised into the themes of Sense and Sensation, Concepts, Languages, Poetry and Rhymes, and Emergent Reader. There are also books and audio-visual materials for children between 4 to 6 years that are available in the four official languages.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Tampines Regional Library was first opened on 3 December 1994 by Dr Aline Wong, Senior Minister of State for Education and Health. It was the first regional library to be set up by the National Library Board. It was temporarily closed at its premises at Tampines Ave 7 on 4 June 2017, with 3 June 2017 being its last day of operations before the relocation.

The library was officially re-opened on 5th August 2017 by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information. The new library is among a suite of community services provided at Our Tampines Hub and continues to serve the Tampines community. Situated close to the Tampines MRT station and bus interchange, the library spans over five floors at the Hub.

Nominated for 2018 International Federation of Library Association's Public Library of the Year, its spacious interiors feature reading terraces, an indoor playground and a culinary studio, with a remarkable view of the interior of the sports stadium within Our Tampines Hub.

INTERESTING FACTS

Spot interesting iterations of the "choo-choo" trains that used to be in the Children's Section of the old Tampines Regional Library at various parts of the new library.

The library is built around part of a football field. Walking through the whole library will help you clock approximately 3,000 steps!

Located in the financial and business center for eastern region, the number of commercial buildings near the library is comparatively higher than other public libraries located at the heartlands.