

LIBRARY DETAILS

JURONG REGIONAL LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 4 June 2004
- Floor Area: 12,020 square meters
- Collection Size: 400,000
- Target Community: Residents in the Western region of Singapore

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Verging All Teens (V.A.T.)**
A dedicated teens' space created for teens by teens, to inspire teens. It has a distinct collection of various genres of comics and graphic novels. It also houses open-mic gigs and performances to showcase young talents to their peers.
- **Early Literacy Library**
The first library in Singapore to house an Early Literacy Library. This library caters to two age groups: under 3 year olds and 4 to 6 year olds. The collection focuses on key areas vital to children's learning and development. The books and audio-visual materials are available in the four official languages.
- **MakeIT at Libraries**
Formerly known as PIXEL Labs@NLB, the renamed MakeIT at Libraries is a free-for-public makerspace that offers NLB library members a making and crafting workspace, as well as access to digital making equipment such as 3D printers and microcontrollers. Learn, Tinker and Create at MakeIT! Find out more on MakeIT's [Facebook Group](#).
- **Booking Facilities**
Project rooms for public booking. For more details, please refer to the NLB Facilities Booking page [here](#).

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Jurong Regional Library has an extensive collection and targets those who have more specialized information needs. It has a collection size of about 400,000 volumes.

- **Young People Collection:** The Teens Library takes up approximately 1,200 square meters of the fourth level, and has a distinct collection of various genres of comics and graphic novels in mainly English and Chinese. It features the largest comic collection among the public libraries. Popular comics, such as the X-men series and those from Marvel, as well as works by writers such as Neil Gaiman, can be found here.
- **Early Literacy Library:** Jurong Regional Library is also the first library in Singapore to house the Early Literacy Library located at the basement. This library houses a collection of about 71,000 books which caters to two age groups: under 3 years and 4

to 6 years. The collection focuses on five key areas – playing, talking, singing, reading and writing – which are vital to children’s learning and development. The collection for children below 3 years old is categorised into the themes of Sense & Sensation, Concepts, Languages, Poetry & Rhymes and Emergent Reader. The books and audio-visual materials are available in the four official languages.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Jurong Regional Library was officially opened on 4 Jun 2004 by Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, then Acting Minister for Education. The library was originally opened on 1 August 1988 as Jurong East Community Library by Mr Ho Kah Leong, then Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Communications & Information) and then Member of Parliament for Jurong Constituency. After the completion of its refurbishment in 2004, it re-opened as a regional library.

INTERESTING FACTS

Jurong Regional Library is the first public library in Singapore with a skylight incorporated into its structure. It is also the first to use a unique energy saving reflector light technology in Singapore. This technology works by using high reflecting aluminium mirrors, saving up to fifty percent of energy used in conventional lighting.