

LIBRARY DETAILS

MARINE PARADE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 10 Nov 1978
- Floor Area: 3,700 square meters
- Collection Size: 180, 000
- Target Community: Residents living in Mountbatten, Katong, Siglap, Marine Parade and Joo Chiat

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The library has distinct spaces that seek to provide conducive spaces and enhanced services to suit all reading and learning needs.

Level One – Lifestyle

- Collection: Adult English Fiction, Magazines
- Multimedia Stations with printing services
- Programme Zone

Level M – Teens

- Collection: Comic Collection, Manga Collection, Young People collection

Level Two – Children

- Collection: Baby Books (BA), Junior Picture Books (JP), Junior Simple Books (JS), Junior Books (J), Family and Parenting
- Programme Zone
- Nursing Room

Level Three: Adult and Young People

- Collection: Singapore Collection, Adult Non-fiction and Language collection, Audio Book, Audio-visual materials
- Quiet Reading Room

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Marine Parade Public Library has a total collection size of about 180, 000 books, magazines, and audio-visual items in the four official languages. All items in the library are available for loan. Popular fiction, magazines, award-winning books for children and health/lifestyle reads are very popular with users. A new Manga collection was added to the library extensive collection in 2021.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Marine Parade Community Library was officially opened on 10 November 1978 by Mr Goh Chok Tong, then Senior Minister of State (Finance) and Member of Parliament for Marine Parade. It was the third public library to open in Singapore. In 1995, then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong (also the MP for Marine Parade GRC) mooted the idea to optimise land use by integrating community spaces. This led to the building of the Marine Parade Community Complex, which would have other different facilities integrated within it, so as to overcome the problem of land scarcity as well as become a focal point for the community. The library was relocated to the Marine Parade Community Complex and was officially opened on 28 May 2000 at ceremony attended by then Prime Minister Goh. The library underwent a renovation and refurbishment exercise from March to May 2013.

INTERESTING FACTS

Marine Parade Public Library is the first library to be built on reclaimed land.