LIBRARY DETAILS

WOODLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

Opening Date: 28 April 2001Floor Area: 11,100 square meters

Collection Size: 340,000

Target Community: Residents in the northern region of Singapore

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

MakeIT

MakeIT is an initiative that lets everyone learn about and try new technologies that can bring your ideas to life. For more information, click <u>here</u>.

Share Chinese Reading Club

This club is for adults who are passionate about Chinese Stories and culture. The participants read and discuss short stories and novels.

Woodlands Ukelele Jamming Club

This is an interest group comprising of uke enthusiasts who come together to have fun singing and strumming old favorites together.

Little Avid Readers & Junior Avid Readers Clubs

Held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, the book clubs aim to promote the love of reading and cultivate good reading habits in Mandarin. Suitable for young children aged 4-6 years old, Little Avid Readers consists of a series of storytelling and activities for both children and parents.

The Junior Avid Readers club is suitable for children aged 7-9 years old. It encourages social interaction and facilitates creative self-expression through different themes of storytelling and activities.

Gundam Building @ Woodlands Regional Library

A club for local Gundam hobbyists to share their knowledge and skills in the art of building Gundam model kits.

Play@Library

In this unstructured play programme, children and parents can learn, socialize, and make new friends. Enjoy the books and variety of educational aids we have! This programme is open to children aged 6 years and below. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

For more information on the timing and venue, click here.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

With an extensive collection size of about 340,000 items, Woodlands Regional Library caters to the information needs for users of all age groups.

Adults and Young People's Collection

The Adults and Young People's collections consist of titles from a wide variety of genres in the four official languages. The Adults Mother Tongue Language Collection can be found on Level Two, while the Adults Fiction and Non-Fiction Collections are located on Level Three. Similarly, the Young People's Non-Fiction and Fiction are also located at Level Three and Four respectively. Additionally, the library features a dedicated section for the Singapore Collection, which showcases literary works of local authors and other local publications.

Tamil Cholai Collection

Tamil Cholai, situated on Level Two, is the focal point for NLB's Tamil reading materials – the largest in Singapore. The collection includes topics on Literature, Arts & Culture, Social Sciences, Heritage & Tradition, Religion & Spirituality, Philosophy, Psychology, Tamil Language, History, Architecture, Food & Agriculture, Health, Family & Parenting, Travel & Recreation, Business & Economy, and Science & Technology. Fiction titles cover contemporary and classic works, including bestsellers, classic literature, literary works, and general interest titles.

Children's Collection

Situated at Level Four, the Children's Collection offers a large selection of materials suitable for children from the ages of 0 to 12. Consisting of roughly 150,000 fiction and non-fiction titles, the collection includes books for babies, children's magazines, picture books for pre-schoolers; as well as stories, fairy tales and information books for older children.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Woodlands Regional Library was officially opened on 28 April 2001 by Dr Tony Tan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Defence and MP, Sembawang GRC. It was Singapore's first full-fledged regional library following the prototype regional library in Tampines.

Occupying four storeys and part of the basement over a floor space of 11,100 square meters in the Woodlands Civic Centre, it is a one-stop information centre for the northern sector of Singapore.

INTERESTING FACTS

The library is designed to create an ambience that reflects the themes of nature and the environment. In keeping with this theme, the children's section is originally designed as a park, with several interesting visual features to create environmental awareness, such as the Enchanted Tree.

Ceramic murals and paintings by local artists grace the walls of the library with the aim of raising awareness of the local arts scene in the community.