

LIBRARY DETAILS

CENTRAL ARTS LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 12 December 2024
- Collection Size: Almost 50,000
- Target Community: Arts students, practitioners and all who are interested in the arts

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Facilities** such as a piano practice room with a baby grand piano, silent studio and screening room, spread across the fifth and eighth floors of the building.
2. Along with CAL's opening, **a new pop-up library, Central Arts Library at UAS**, has also opened in the nearby University of the Arts Singapore (UAS). Located on the second floor of the National Design Centre, the pop-up library **houses some of the design and applied arts-focused collection** from library@orchard, with approximately 5,500 titles available. UAS students and the general public can now readily access these arts education resources.
3. Suite of **diverse arts programmes** including film screenings, performing arts and applied arts workshops, recitals, jazz improvisation sessions, Open Stage Originals, a platform for local artists to showcase their original musical works, all held at the National Library Building.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Unique collections only found at Central Arts Library

CAL is the only library to carry these performing art formats:

- *Music CDs – Explore our wide range of high quality music recordings spanning across various music genres.*
- *Music Scores – Musicians and hobbyist alike will find music scores for a myriad of instruments covering music of various genres.*
- *Screenplays – Film enthusiasts can delve deeper into their favourite films by studying the scripts of these works.*
- *NC16 & M18 Rated Collection – Patrons who meet the age requirement can access and loan DVDs & Blu-ray Discs of films from this collection.*

Largest collection found in Public Libraries

- *Theatre Playscripts – Theatre enthusiasts can delve deeper into their favourite plays by studying the scripts of these works.*

LIBRARY HISTORY

The Central Arts Library located in the heart of the Civic District offers a comprehensive collection of resources on the arts, as well as services and programmes for patrons to experience the arts. The performing arts and visual arts collections, and the music practice and screening rooms, can be found on Levels 5 and 8 of the National Library Building. A special design node, which also carries the design and applied arts collection, is at the Central Arts Library at University of the Arts across the street.

INTERESTING FACTS

The Central Arts Library provides a comprehensive selection of all art-related resources, including the performing arts collection from the former library@esplanade, and the design and applied arts-focused collection from library@orchard.

Patrons can enjoy facilities such as a piano practice room with a baby grand piano, a silent studio and screening room, spread across the building. The Central Arts Library at UAS pop-up library, located on the second floor of the nearby University of the Arts Singapore, will house some of the design and applied arts-focused collection from library@orchard.

The Central Arts Library is currently also running physical programmes such as film screenings, performing arts workshops, and Open Stage Originals, a platform for local artists to showcase their original musical works, at the National Library Building. For more details, please follow us on Facebook – LearnXArts Page.