

LIBRARY DETAILS

GEYLANG EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 26 July 1988
- Floor Area: 3817 square metres
- Collection Size: 178,032
- Target Community: Residents in Aljunied, Geylang East, Geylang West, Geylang Serai, Jalan Besar, Eunos, Kampong Ubi, Kallang and MacPherson, Lavender, Kaki Bukit and Sims Drive

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Nature-Themed Look**
The library features a nature-themed look, with green reading areas at Levels 1 and 2. Live plants also grace areas near the main staircase.
- **Interest groups**
3 interest groups hold regular meetups for like-minded individuals. We welcome interested participants to join us at these sessions.
 - 1) The Golden Circle**
The Golden Circle is an English book club for seniors. Discussions are centered around fiction books. Members meet up once every 2 months
 - 2) Let's Dance**
Let's Dance is an interest group of those who enjoy dancing! Volunteer facilitators take the lead to share how to groove to dances like cha-cha and slow rock. Members meet twice a month to socialize with dance.
 - 3) Quick 6**
We are a group that meets up to exercise together! Members follow diverse exercise videos from YouTube, promoting physical health. After the physical activity, members exercise their mind by playing Rummy-O!

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Collection Size: As of Nov 2023, the library's collection size is about 178,032. The largest collection is the English books for adults (both fiction and non-fiction), followed by English books for children.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Geylang East Public Library was officially opened on 26 July 1988 by Mr Wong Kang Seng, then Minister for Community Development and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs. The seventh branch to be launched in the network of public libraries, the 4.5-million-dollar library opened fully computerised, with a collection of 100,000 publications. It served about 200,000 residents in the vicinity at the time.

The library was closed from 18 March till 28 April 2002 for the installation of the new Electronic Library Management System (ELIMS). This system features radio-frequency identification technology which allows books to be returned the moment they enter the automated book-drop system and the loan records of the patrons immediately updated.

The library also underwent a renovation and refurbishment exercise in 2012. In addition to its new nature-themed look, a lounge area at the Adult's Section was added.

INTERESTING FACTS

- Geylang East Public Library went through 2 facelifts in 2002 and 2013 to improve its infrastructure and overall look
- Sparklekidz, a student care centre, currently operates at Geylang East Public Library level 3.