

LIBRARY DETAILS

JURONG LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 4 June 2004
- Floor Area: 12,020 square meters
- Collection Size: 310,000
- 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 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](#).
- **Launch (Business Resource Centre)**
A service to support aspiring entrepreneurs, microbusinesses and freelancers by opening doors to resources, communities, networks, and spaces. Find out more at <https://go.gov.sg/nlb-launch>
- **Booking Facilities**
Study seats and project rooms are available for public booking. For more details, please refer to the NLB Facilities Booking page [here](#).

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Jurong Library has an extensive collection and targets those who have more specialized information needs. It has a collection size of about 300,000 volumes.

- **Young People Collection:** The Teens Library occupies approximately 1,200 square meters on the fourth level and houses a curated collection catering to teenagers. The collection features a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles in English and Chinese, including popular reads, contemporary young adult literature, and resources that support learning and personal development.
- **Early Literacy Library:** Jurong 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 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 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 aluminum mirrors, saving up to fifty percent of energy used in conventional lighting.