

# LIBRARY DETAILS

## JURONG REGIONAL LIBRARY

### FAST FACTS

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- Opening Date: 4 June 2004
- Floor Area: 12,020 square meters
- Collection Size: 400,000
- Target Community: Residents in the Western region of Singapore

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Verging All Teens (V.A.T.)**  
A dedicated teens' space created for teens by teens, to inspire teens. It has a distinct collection of various genres of comics and graphic novels. 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](#).
- **Booking Facilities**  
Project rooms for public booking. For more details, please refer to the NLB Facilities Booking page [here](#).
- **Play@Library**  
Play@LIBRARY is a programme for unstructured play held at Jurong Regional Library. Children and parents can learn, socialise and make new friends. Have fun and enjoy books and variety of educational aids too! This programme is open to children aged 6 years and below.

### COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

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Jurong Regional Library has an extensive collection and targets those who have more specialized information needs. It has a collection size of about 400,000 volumes.

- **Young People Collection:** The Teens Library takes up approximately 1,200 square meters of the fourth level and has a distinct collection of various genres of comics and graphic novels in mainly English and Chinese. It features the largest comic collection among the public libraries. Popular comics, such as the X-men series and those from Marvel, as well as works by writers such as Neil Gaiman, can be found here.
- **Early Literacy Library:** Jurong Regional 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**

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Jurong Regional 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**

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Jurong Regional 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 aluminium mirrors, saving up to fifty percent of energy used in conventional lighting.