

LIBRARY DETAILS

QUEENSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 30 April 1970
- Floor Area: 3,349 square meters
- Collection Size: 214,796
- Target Community: Residents of Alexandra, Queenstown, Commonwealth, Buona Vista, Dover, Ghim Moh, Kent Ridge, Holland, Pasir Panjang and Tanglin Halt

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Garden-Themed Programmes

In early 2013, Queenstown Public Library's outdoor foot reflexology path was removed to make way for a community garden. The library is currently part of the Community in Bloom project, an initiative by the National Parks Board (NParks) in which members of the community volunteer to look after designated gardening areas. Members meet once a month to engage in various gardening activities.



Community in Bloom members participating in various gardening activities

In addition, the library also holds quarterly afternoon programmes which cover topics related to nature and garden.

MOVIE SCREENINGS

Queenstown Public Library was the first public library to conduct free monthly movie screenings in 2012. The library currently holds movie screenings once a month, on Saturdays from 3pm to 5pm. Movie titles cover a variety of family-friendly titles.



L: Patrons enjoying a movie at the library

R: Sample of a movie poster

Heritage wall on the history of Queenstown Public Library

There's a heritage wall on the history of Queenstown Public Library showing old photos with captions from the beginning of the library in the 1970s to the 2000s. A small window display highlights how membership cards have changed through the years.



COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Queenstown Public Library has a collection size of about 214,796 books, magazines and audio-visual items. These include collections suitable for children, teenagers and adults. Popular Adult non-fiction titles are categorised by subject groups such as Business, Travel, Cookery, etc to facilitate ease of browsing for visitors.

E-Reads displays

To keep up with the current trend of digital eBooks and audiobooks gaining popularity and traction with our patrons, Queenstown Public Library has installed 4 digital e-Reads displays. Patrons can easily swipe through the range of specially curated e-Reads and borrow the e-Book or audio book. This is done by tapping the book to display the QR code and using the camera function of the NLB mobile App to borrow the e-Book or audio book.

The 4 eReads displays cover the following digital titles:

Latest eBooks arrivals

- a. Children's eBooks
- b. eMagazines and current trending topics
- c. eBooks compilation by Libby



LIBRARY HISTORY

Queenstown Public Library was officially opened on 30 April 1970 by then Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew. The library was Singapore's first fulltime branch library, built by the National Library in its plan to decentralise reading services. On 7 October 1987, Queenstown Public Library became the first public library in the National Library Board's network to have its library services put online.

The library was closed for upgrading work on 4 February 2003 and was officially reopened on 31 October 2003 by Associate Professor Koo Tsai Kee, then Senior Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of National Development, and MP for Tanjong Pagar GRC.

Queenstown Public Library is currently Singapore's oldest public library after the National Library at Stamford Road was torn down in 2004. On 3 October 2013, it was announced that Queenstown Public Library would be gazetted for conservation by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA).

INTERESTING FACTS

- Queenstown Public Library is the first library to be gazetted for conservation by the URA.
- Some of the original architectural features the library has preserved include its distinctive outer fence and wall, as well as the 'bow-tie' motif found at the entrance of the library.
- In addition to the current grey, other colours Queenstown Public Library has been painted in over the years include beige, orange and blue.



L: The library painted in orange.



R: The library now in hues of grey.