

# TAMPINES REGIONAL LIBRARY

## FAST FACTS

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- Opening date: 3 December 1994 (Temporarily closed on 4 June to 4 August 2017)
- Re-opening Date: 5 August 2017 (New premises within Our Tampines Hub)
- Floor Area: 10,900 square meters
- Collection Size: Approximately 350,000 items (as of 2024)
- Target Community: Residents in Tampines and in the Eastern region of Singapore

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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### **Volunteers' Corner for Friends of the Library and Archives**

A dedicated library space for volunteers nestled within Level 6 where volunteers can gather to share knowledge and plan activities to promote the love for reading to other library users. They also promote volunteering opportunities and library programmes to other library users.

In addition, the entire 6<sup>th</sup> floor is managed by volunteers. They assist with shelving books as well as attending to user enquiries and promoting good library etiquette.

Patrons interested to volunteer at Tampines Regional Library may sign up on NLB's [website](#) to be involved in areas such as shelving, library user education, and programme facilitation.

### **MakeIT at Tampines**

A free-for-public makerspace that lets everyone learn about and try new technologies that can bring your ideas to life.

Use 3D printing, digital cutting, robotics and other forms of tech-based fabrication to make computer-accurate and complex items that may not be possible by hand. MakeIT provides facilities and guidance for anyone to come and try their hand at these technologies. No expertise or experience is required.

All workshops and materials are available for free, for NLB members. Members are welcome to use the space and equipment to work on their personal projects and ideas.

For safety, equipment and programmes are recommended for ages 15 and above.

For more information, speak to the Centre Manager at MakeIT during their opening hours, or download the digital brochure here: <https://go.gov.sg/makeit-brochure>

### **Integrated spaces within the library**

This is the first time NLB integrated community learning spaces operated by other agencies within a library. These include:

Culinary studios and interest group activity rooms (Level 2, managed by the People's Association).

Indoor playground (Level 3, managed by Playtopia) for young children within the library, to encourage different forms of learning.

### **WISHers Reading Club**

WISHers is a language learning group for senior citizens. It caters to participants who wish to improve their command of *Hanyu Pinyin* (romanization of Mandarin) and English-speaking ability through basic conversation and simple language lessons. The club is run by volunteers, with accompanying book displays and resource recommendations curated by librarians.

Sessions are targeted at seniors, conducted in both English and Mandarin, and held on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings, onsite at the library.

### **Tampines Uke Jammers**

The Tampines Uke Jammers was formed in 2018 by a group of library volunteers who are fun-loving ukulele enthusiasts. It is a regular get-together of friends who have a joyful time jamming.

Sessions are targeted at seniors, conducted in English, and held on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays (onsite at the library) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays (on Zoom only).

### **The Video Creators Club**

Videos can be a fun and meaningful way to evoke laughter, convey sadness and spark joy. Learn how you can make your own videos at this learning community that is targeted at beginners and amateurs. From how to plan your videos to how to film creatively, join Mr. Philip Au, a professional videographer and passionate library volunteer, as he helps you find your voice through video!

Sessions are targeted at seniors, conducted in English, and held on a fortnightly basis for each project cycle.

### **Taiji Book Club**

Taiji Book Club is a reading club conducted in Mandarin for adults, hoping to share with the public on how Taiji may help to strengthen the body and maintain good health, as well as to promote Chinese martial arts.

Sessions are targeted at adults, conducted in Mandarin, and held on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, onsite at the library.

## **FACILITIES**

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- Seating capacity: 719

- MakeIT at Tampines
- Culinary Studios
- Interest Group Activity Rooms
- Indoor Playground
- Study Lounge
- Co-Working Lounge
- Programme Zone
- Reading Terraces
- Magazines Section
- Multimedia Stations
- 24-hour Reservation Lockers
- 24-hour Bookdrop
- eReads Directories
- Water Coolers
- Specially featuring an Early Literacy Collection and a Chinese Collection donated by Chou Sing Chu Foundation

### Services

- Exhibitions and displays
- Regular storytelling and school holiday programmes
- User education and information literacy programmes
- Performances and activities
- Library outreaches

## COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

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Tampines Regional Library has a comprehensive collection of books, magazines and audiovisuals for all age groups like children, young people and adults. All items can be borrowed by NLB members.

### **Chinese Children's Collection donated by the Chou Sing Chu Foundation**

To promote learning and reading in Chinese, the Chou Sing Chu Foundation has donated 32,000 Chinese children's books to Tampines Regional Library.

### **Early Literacy Library**

Tampines Regional Library specially features an Early Literacy Library located at Level 3 for young children. The collection focuses on key areas that are vital to children's learning and development and include books for children aged 3 and under. It is categorised into the themes of Sense & Sensations, Concepts, Languages, Poetry & Rhymes, and Emergent Readers. There are also books and audiovisuals for children aged 4 to 6 that are available in the four official languages of English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil.

## LIBRARY HISTORY

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Tampines Regional Library was first opened on 3 December 1994 by Dr Aline Wong, Senior Minister of State for Education and Health. It was the first regional library to be set up by the National Library Board. It was temporarily closed at its premises at Tampines Avenue 7 on 4 June 2017, with 3 June 2017 being its last day of operations before the relocation.

The library was officially re-opened on 5 August 2017 by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, then-Minister for Communications and Information. The new library is among a suite of community services provided by Our Tampines Hub and continues to serve the Tampines community. Situated close to the Tampines MRT station and bus interchange, the library spans five floors.

Nominated for 2018 International Federation of Library Association's Public Library of the Year, its spacious interiors feature reading terraces, an indoor playground and culinary studios, with a remarkable view of the interior of the sports stadium within Our Tampines Hub.

## **INTERESTING FACTS**

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- Spot the “choo-choo” trains that used to be in the Children’s Section of the old Tampines Regional Library at various parts of the new library.
- The library is built around part of a soccer field. Walking through the whole library will help you clock approximately 3,000 steps!