



San Francisco Public Library



## RICHMOND/SENATOR MILTON MARKS BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Address</b>	351 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118
<b>Grand Re-Opening</b>	May 16, 2009
<b>Opened</b>	1914
<b>Original architect</b>	Bliss and Faville
<b>Original financing</b>	Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (\$48,910 in 1912)
<b>Landmark designation</b>	February 9, 2005
<b>Open hours</b>	Open 7 days per week
<b>City Librarian</b>	Luis Herrera
<b>Branch Managers</b>	Terry Carlson, Adult Services & Shelley Sorenson, Children & Teens
<b>Architect</b>	San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture
<b>Project Management</b>	Department of Public Works
<b>General Contractor</b>	ISEC, Inc.
<b>Total project cost</b>	\$13.7 million
<b>Scope</b>	Renovation & expansion
<b>Status</b>	Construction completed early and within budget
<b>Size</b>	13,900 square feet (including an addition of 4,000 square feet)
<b>Financing</b>	Renovation of the branch was funded by a \$105.9 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000 and \$500,000 in private funds raised by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library for furniture, fixtures and equipment. In addition, the Richmond project was awarded \$5.9 million from the California Reading & Literacy Improvement & Public Library Construction & Renovation Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 14).
<b>Program</b>	The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) is the largest capital improvement campaign in the history of the San Francisco Public Library. BLIP calls for 16 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, three branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch in Mission Bay.

## Highlights

### *Safe and accessible*

- ADA accessible
- Seismically retrofitted
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- New elevator and entrance ramps

### *Functional and efficient for the public and staff*

- Updated & expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and Russian & Chinese languages
- Children's Room with age appropriate seating and materials
- New designated Teen Room
- After hours book drop
- Increased book shelving and materials displays (*62% more shelving since the renovation*)
- A variety of seating in lounge areas, at tables and at computers
- Ergonomically designed dedicated staff work areas
- Program room with built-in media equipment for library programs
- Two new study rooms
- Clear signage
- Appropriate lighting and abundant daylight
- New and restored furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- New landscaping
- New children's play structure

### *Historic restoration*

- New period style ceiling and table light fixtures
- Refinished perimeter wood book shelving
- Cleaned sandstone and terra cotta façade
- Refinished historic tables, chairs and benches
- Main Reading Room ceiling restored to original color with replicated historic medallions

### *Technologically updated*

- 26 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- 16 laptop computers for public computer classes
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines
- Raised access floor system for flexible data and power changes

### *Environmentally sound*

- Reuse of existing building
- Restored furniture
- Energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems
- Restored and retrofitted windows with insulated low-E glass
- Flooring made from renewable natural materials
- Replicated historic light fixtures with energy efficient fluorescent lamps
- Operable windows for natural ventilation
- Improved air quality with low VOC paints, adhesives, and sealants
- Maximum use of natural light & window shades to control light levels
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines 1, 2, 4, 28, 31, 38, 38L & 44)