



San Francisco Public Library



RICHMOND/SENATOR MILTON MARKS BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

Address	351 9 th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118
Grand Re-Opening	May 16, 2009
Opened	1914
Original architect	Bliss and Faville
Original financing	Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (\$48,910 in 1912)
Landmark designation	February 9, 2005
Open hours	Open 7 days per week
City Librarian	Luis Herrera
Branch Managers	Terry Carlson, Adult Services & Shelley Sorenson, Children & Teens
Architect	San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture
Project Management	Department of Public Works
General Contractor	ISEC, Inc.
Total project cost	\$13.7 million
Scope	Renovation & expansion
Status	Construction completed early and within budget
Size	13,900 square feet (including an addition of 4,000 square feet)
Financing	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).
Program	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)