



San Francisco Public Library

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY



MERCED BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

Address	155 Winston Drive at 19 th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94132
Grand Reopening	May 14, 2011
Opened	1958
Original Architect	Appleton & Wolfard
Opening hours	Open 7 days per week
City Librarian	Luis Herrera
Branch Manager	Elizabeth Thacker-Estrada
Architect	San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture
Project Management	Department of Public Works
General Contractor	CLW Builders Inc.
Total project cost	\$5.4 million
Scope	Renovation and addition
Status	Construction completed within budget
Size	6,376 square feet (1,100 SF larger!)
Financing	Renovation of the branch was funded as part of 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.
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. Merced is the 18 th completed library project.

Highlights

Safe and accessible

- Seismically strengthened
- ADA accessible
- New accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Power assist front door
- Clear signage

Functional and efficient for the public and staff

- Updated collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and audio books
- Working gas fireplace
- Children's area with built in LCD monitor for library programs
- New designated teen area
- After hours book drop
- A variety of seating options
- Interactive learning features for young children
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaped outdoor courtyard

Technologically updated

- 14 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- Laptops will be available for use by patrons within the library
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines

Environmentally sound

- Designed to meet LEED Silver standards or greater
- Renewable and biodegradable cork flooring
- Rapidly renewable bamboo wood work
- Certified sustainable harvest wood throughout
- Refinished 1950's adult readers chairs
- Collection area for recycling and compostable materials
- Construction materials sourced locally
- 75 percent of the project's construction waste was recycled or salvaged
- Efficient fixtures such as low-flow faucets that reduce water use
- Windows that allow natural lighting to shine through, open for ventilation, & are glazed to maximize the efficiency of the building's heating system
- Paints, adhesives and sealants that contain only low levels of volatile organic compounds
- A SFPL- designed Play-to-Learn panel in the children's room to help budding environmentalists learn about recyclable materials through play
- Drought tolerant landscaping
- Reuse of existing building
- Energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems
- Heat reflective insulated roof
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines 17, 18, 28, 28L, 29 & M Ocean View)

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