



San Francisco Public Library

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY



NEW ORTEGA BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

Address	3223 Ortega Street @ 39 th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122
Grand Opening	September 10, 2011
Opening hours	Open 7 days per week
City Librarian	Luis Herrera
Branch Manager	Tiffany Lac
Architects	DPW Bureau of Architecture
Project Management	Department of Public Works
General Contractor	Trico Construction
Public Art	Glass mosaic fish sculptures by <i>Wowhaus</i> titled "Abundance"
Total project cost	\$10 million
Scope	New construction
Size	9,300 square feet (4,243 SF larger)
Financing	Acquisition and construction 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.
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. Ortega is the 21 st completed project.

Building better libraries for stronger communities

Highlights

Safe and accessible

- ADA accessible & seismically safe
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Clear signage
- Power assist front door

Functional and efficient for the public and staff

- Prominent location close to Ortega Street
- Building integrated into surrounding West Sunset Playground
- Updated and expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audio books
- Increased Chinese language materials
- Children's area with interactive learning features for young children
- Large defined Teen area
- Quiet study room
- After hours book drop
- New furniture and a variety of seating options
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- Program room with built-in media equipment for library programs and after-hours access for community use. Doors slide open to courtyard and library to expand for large crowds
- Public art
- Ocean views and maximum use of natural light
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaped courtyard with ocean views

Technologically updated

- 20 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- Laptop computers will be available for use by patrons within the library
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines
- Raised access flooring for easy installation of new technology
- Electronic bulletin board/monitor to display events, view living roof from inside the branch, present library programs & much more

Environmentally sound

- Designed to meet LEED Silver standards or greater
- A living, breathing roof that retains rain water, keeps building cool and warm and provides a natural habitat for bees, butterflies & birds
- Efficient, comfortable and flexible heating system
- Extensive natural lighting throughout building
- Drought-tolerant and native species landscaping
- Bioswales to capture water from the roof to retain and use water on site instead of adding to the sewer system
- Natural linoleum flooring and high performance lighting fixtures
- Paints, adhesives, and sealants that contain only low levels of volatile organic compounds
- Over 79% of the project's construction waste was diverted from landfill
- Natural ventilation via operable windows
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI 16X, 29, 48, 71, & 71L)