



*San Francisco Public Library*

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY



## **PARKSIDE BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES**

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| <b>Address</b>               | 1200 Taraval Street at 22 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue<br>San Francisco, CA 94116   |
| <b>Grand Reopening</b>       | November 6, 2010  |
| <b>Opened</b>                | 1951  |
| <b>Original Architect</b>    | Appleton & Wolfard  |
| <b>Opening hours</b>         | Open 6 days per week  |
| <b>City Librarian</b>        | Luis Herrera  |
| <b>Acting Branch Manager</b> | Jensa Woo   |
| <b>Architect</b>             | THA Architecture Inc.   |
| <b>Associate Architect</b>   | Karin Payson A + D  |
| <b>Project Management</b>    | Department of Public Works  |
| <b>General Contractor</b>    | LC General Engineering & Construction, Inc.   |
| <b>Total project cost</b>    | \$4.7 million   |
| <b>Scope</b>                 | Renovation and small addition   |
| <b>Size</b>                  | 6,890 square feet (1,066 SF larger!)  |
| <b>Financing</b>             | 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.   |
| <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. Parkside is the 15 <sup>th</sup> completed library project. |

## Highlights

### *Safe and accessible*

- Seismically strengthened
- ADA accessible
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- New accessible entry ramp and power assist front door
- Clear signage

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

- Updated collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and audio books
- Increased Chinese language materials
- Working gas fireplace
- Children's area with ceiling-installed projection screen
- New designated teen area
- After hours book drop
- A variety of seating options
- Interactive learning wall for young children
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- Flexible program area with state of the art audio visual equipment and built-in projection screen for library programs
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaped outdoor courtyard

### *Technologically updated*

- 17 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- 15 laptop computers for public in library use and computer classes
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines

### *Environmentally sound*

- First San Francisco library designed to meet LEED Silver standards
- Renewable and biodegradable cork flooring
- Refinished 1950's furniture
- 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 line 28 & L Taraval)

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