Parkside Branch Library



Branch Facts

Style: Modern

Area: 6,890 sq. ft.

Architects: Appleton & Wolfard, 1951 THA Architecture Inc. and Karin Payson

A + D, 2010

The Parkside Branch Library, located in McCoppin Park, originally opened in 1951 and was the 19th branch established in the San Francisco Public Library system. A remarkable renovation and small expansion project transformed the mid-century library into a model of sustainable construction while preserving the modernist characteristics of the single-story, ranch-style building. It was the first branch library in the city designed to meet U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification.



San Francisco Public Library



LEED Green Report Card

Sustainable Sites

Location is Everything

Bicycle parking

Close to public transportation Reduced construction pollution

Minimization of light pollution

Reduction of urban heat island effect



Water Efficiency Saving Resources

Low flow fixtures

Energy and Atmosphere

Light & Air

- Extensive natural light
- Zero use of CFC-based refrigerants
- Systems verified for optimal performance
- Insulated windows maximize heating/cooling systems

Materials and Resources

Renew & Reuse

- ⊕ Dedicated recycling area
- Preservation of existing building
- 75% of construction waste recycled or salvaged
- 20% of building materials sourced within 500 miles of Library
- ★ Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood and cork flooring

Indoor Environmental & Air Quality

Breathe Deeply

- Low VOC paints, adhesives and sealants
- Natural ventilation with operable windows

Innovation and Design Process

Fresh Ideas

- Environmentally conscious pest management
- Green cleaning products and practices



