San Francisco Public Libraries are being designed, renovated and constructed to meet sustainable building standards.

**Portola Branch Library**

**Branch Facts**
- **Area:** 6,427 sq. ft.
- **Architect:** Stoner Meek/Noll and Tam, 2009

**Public Art**
- **California Wildflowers,** Dana Zed

Established in 1927 as a library deposit station, the Portola Branch was the 14th branch in San Francisco. It was located in leased sites up and down San Bruno Avenue until it settled in 2009 in a newly constructed building at the corner of Bacon and Goettingen streets. Its stunning glass shutter public artwork, *California Wildflowers,* created by artist Dana Zed, was inspired by the history of the garden nurseries that used to be located in the neighborhood.

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**Green Report Card**

**How Green is Your Library?**

**Sustainable Sites**
- **Location is Everything**
  - Close to public transportation and schools

**Water Efficiency**
- **Saving Resources**
  - Rear yard with drought-tolerant planting

**Energy and Atmosphere**
- **Light & Air**
  - High efficiency radiator heating system
  - Insulated glass at windows
  - Extensive natural lighting
  - High performance lighting fixtures
  - Natural ventilation with operable windows

**Materials and Resources**
- **Renew & Reuse**
  - Regionally harvested redwood siding
  - Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste
  - Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources
  - Open ceiling minimizes use of materials

**Indoor Environmental Quality**
- **Breathe Deeply**
  - Low-**VOC** paints, adhesives and sealants

**Innovation and Design Process**
- **Fresh Ideas**
  - Pest management that minimizes health and environmental risks
  - Green cleaning with environmentally sound products and practices

**Volatile Organic Compound**