



San Francisco Public Library

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## NEW NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Address</b>	850 Columbus Avenue San Francisco, CA 94133
<b>Grand Opening</b>	May 10, 2014
<b>Opening hours</b>	Open 6 days per week
<b>City Librarian</b>	Luis Herrera
<b>Branch Manager</b>	Robert Carlson
<b>Architects</b>	Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects
<b>Project Management</b>	San Francisco Public Works
<b>General Contractor</b>	CLW Builders, Inc.
<b>Public Art</b>	Sound sculpture by Bill Fontana entitled <i>Sonic Dreamscape</i>
<b>Project budget</b>	\$14.5 million
<b>Scope</b>	New construction
<b>Size</b>	8,500 square feet
<b>Financing</b>	Construction of the branch was funded by a \$105.9 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000 and 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 called 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. North Beach is the 24 <sup>th</sup> and final library project under this program.

## Highlights

### *Safe and accessible*

- ADA accessible and seismically safe
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Clear signage
- Power assist front door
- Elevator to second floor

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

- Updated and expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audio books
- Chinese language materials
- Children's area with interactive learning features for young children
- Designated Teen area
- Space to accommodate school visits
- After hours book drop
- 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
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaping integrating the branch into the Joe DiMaggio Playground

### *Technologically updated*

- 22 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
- Self checkout machines

### *Environmentally sound*

- Photovoltaic (solar) panels powering the building
- Insulation from recycled Levi blue jeans
- Natural linoleum and paints, adhesives and sealants that contain only low levels of volatile organic compounds
- High performance window and glazing systems
- Operable windows for ventilation
- Extensive natural lighting
- Rain garden for storm water management
- Reclaimed wood stair treads
- Renewable bamboo casework and tables
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines 30 & 45 and Cable Car)
- Bicycle parking
- 75% of the project's construction waste was diverted from landfill
- Construction materials were sourced locally and regionally
- Designed to LEED Silver certification standards or greater

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