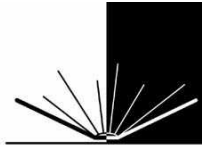




San Francisco Public Library



BRANCH LIBRARY
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Excelsior Branch Library

Facts & Figures

Year Built	1967
Closed for renovation	November 2003
Opening Date	July 2005
Architects & Engineers	Bureaus of Architecture & Engineering, Department of Public Works
Contractor	CDX Builders
Construction Management	Bureau of Construction Management, Department of Public Works
Financing	In November 2000, San Francisco voters overwhelmingly passed a bond measure for \$106 million to upgrade San Francisco's branch library system. The bond's priorities are to reduce seismic risk, meet modern technological needs and current code requirements, comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and provide spaces that are responsive to current services, yet flexible enough to meet future needs. The Excelsior project had an estimated construction budget of \$2.3 million to renovate the existing building, excluding the costs of furniture, fixtures, and equipment, which are not paid for by the bond. Friends of the San Francisco Public Library raised funds from private sources—including an active community fundraising effort—to pay these costs.
Current Size	8,302 Square Feet
Estimated Users	213,903 annual visitors in 2002/2003 (before the closure)
Circulation	238,170 in 2002/2003 (before the closure)
Current Staff	20
Technology	18 public computers with access to online library services and the internet
Highlights	<i>Safe and accessible</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seismic strengthening • New accessible restrooms • New inviting entry with automatic doors • ADA fully accessible building

Modern

- Infrastructure to provide modern technologies and flexibility for the future
- Solar panels for energy efficiency
- New furniture, shelving, and materials displays
- More computers with access to the internet and library online resources
- Raised access floor system for electrical and data wiring

Functional and efficient for staff and users

- Modern book shelving & materials displays
- Updated collection
- Comfortable seating and a variety of seating choices
- Maximum use of natural light
- After hours book return
- Clearer signage
- Express check out machines
- More functional staff work areas
- Improved heating and ventilation
- A designated teen area and children's section
- Quiet adult reading area
- Flexible program room with adjacent patio
- Addition at front entry improves sightlines, book return & security

Environmentally Sound

- Solar panels on roof that provide the branch with energy-photovoltaic solar energy collection system
- Demolition waste from the project was recycled
- Supplemented mechanical ventilation by adding more operable windows, including ventilation flaps that can be used for fresh air when windows are closed.
- For thermal comfort: added wall, roof insulation throughout the building.
- Use of Solatube skylights in restrooms - capture natural sun light and diffuse it throughout the interior space (reducing need to use electrical lighting during the day)

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Location

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