MERCED BRANCH LIBRARY
FACTS & FIGURES

Address 155 Winston Drive at 19th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

Grand Reopening May 14, 2011

Opened 1958

Original Architect Appleton & Wolfard

Opening hours Open 7 days per week

City Librarian Luis Herrera

Branch Manager Elizabeth Thacker-Estrada

Architect San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture

Project Management Department of Public Works

General Contractor CLW Builders Inc.

Total project cost $5.4 million

Scope Renovation and addition

Status Construction completed within budget

Size 6,376 square feet (1,100 SF larger!)

Financing 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.

Program 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. Merced is the 18th completed library project.
Highlights

Safe and accessible
- Seismically strengthened
- ADA accessible
- New accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Power assist front door
- Clear signage

Functional and efficient for the public and staff
- Updated collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and audio books
- Working gas fireplace
- Children’s area with built in LCD monitor for library programs
- New designated teen area
- After hours book drop
- A variety of seating options
- Interactive learning features for young children
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaped outdoor courtyard

Technologically updated
- 14 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- Laptops will be available for use by patrons within the library
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines

Environmentally sound
- Designed to meet LEED Silver standards or greater
- Renewable and biodegradable cork flooring
- Rapidly renewable bamboo word work
- Certified sustainable harvest wood throughout
- Refinished 1950’s adult readers chairs
- 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 lines 17, 18, 28, 28L, 29 & M Ocean View)

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