



San Francisco Public Library

MISSION BAY BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

Address:	960 Fourth Street San Francisco, CA 94158
Location:	The 7,500-square-foot library is located on the ground floor of a multi-use facility at the corner of Fourth and Berry streets along Mission Creek. In addition to the library, the building will house an adult day health center, affordable senior housing, retail space and a large community meeting room.
Groundbreaking:	Dec.10, 2003
Grand Opening:	July 8, 2006
City Librarian:	Luis Herrera
Branch Manager:	Sarah Lester
Collection:	34,000 items, including materials highlighting local interests such as baseball, boating and maritime history; Chinese, Russian, and Spanish language materials; and a large media collection including CDs, DVDs, and books on CDs.
Library Architect:	Santos Prescott and Associates (San Francisco)
Building Architect:	Hardison Komatsu Ivelich and Tucker
Developer:	Mercy Housing California
Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Redevelopment Agency
Library Project Management:	Department of Public Works
General Contractor:	Cahill Contractors
Cost:	Approximately \$4 million

- Financing: Construction of the branch was funded by a \$105.9 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000 that calls for 19 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings and one brand-new branch to be constructed in Mission Bay. The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) is the largest capital improvement campaign in the history of the San Francisco Public Library. Friends of the San Francisco Public Library raised \$500,000 in private funds to pay for furniture, fixtures and equipment at the branch not covered by the bond.
- Unique Features: Double-high quiet, reading area
Large information desk for maximum visibility
Designated Teen area
Two glass-enclosed study rooms
Skylight and large windows for natural light and channel views
Music listening stations and a large print reader
Program room for library programs and meetings
Photovoltaic solar panels on the main building
Flooring made from recycled tires
- Technology: 18 public computers for children, teens, and adults with word processing and spreadsheet software plus access to the Internet, library online catalog, and multiple databases
Laptops for training classes
One special ADA computer
Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
Raised access flooring for easy installation of new technology
Express self-checkout machines
- Service Goals: Flexibility to fulfill community needs
Provide books and other library materials in many formats
Tailor services to a multi-generational population
Offer a variety of seating and spaces
Build infrastructure to support current and future technologies
Create a community gathering place
Partner and collaborate with neighborhood organizations, schools, housing developments, day care centers, and universities

We voted to renovate and build new branches across the city. It's happening!