



San Francisco Public Library



## NEW PORTOLA BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Address</b>	380 Bacon Street San Francisco, CA 94134
<b>Grand Opening</b>	February 28, 2009
<b>Opening hours</b>	Open 6 days per week
<b>City Librarian</b>	Luis Herrera
<b>Branch Manager</b>	Rosalind Chang
<b>Architects</b>	Stoner Meek/Noll & Tam
<b>Project Management</b>	Department of Public Works
<b>General Contractor</b>	CLW Builders, Inc.
<b>Public Art</b>	Fused Cast Glass Panels by Dana Zed
<b>Total project cost</b>	\$6.2 million
<b>Scope</b>	Site purchased from SFUSD and new construction
<b>Size</b>	6,427 square feet (almost 3,000 SF larger than the leased facility)
<b>Status</b>	Project came in on time and within budget
<b>Financing</b>	Acquisition and construction of the new branch was funded by a \$105.9 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000 and \$16 million in private funds raised by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library for furniture, fixtures and equipment at branches citywide. 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 the construction of the brand-new Mission Bay branch.

### Highlights

#### *Features*

- Adjacent to Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and E.R. Taylor Elementary School
- Landscape plants associated with the craft of paper making
- Bacon Street façade inspired by the spines of books

***Building better libraries for stronger communities.***

### *Safe and accessible*

- ADA accessible
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Clear signage
- Power assist front door
- Adjustable font computer for visually impaired users

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

- Central neighborhood location with entrance on Goettingen Street
- Updated and expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs & other materials
- Program room for library programs such as story time and afterschool homework help, plus available after hours for community meetings
- Expanded children's area with space to accommodate school visits
- Interactive learning features for young children
- New designated teen area
- Prominent reading area
- 24-hour book return
- A variety of seating including lounge and reader seats
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- New furniture
- Self pick up shelves for reserved books
- Expanded Chinese & Spanish language collections
- Public art
- New garden area

### *Technologically updated*

- 17 public computers for children, teens, and adults with word processing and spreadsheet software plus access to the Internet, library online catalog, and multiple databases
- 8 laptop computers for public computer classes
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- State of the art audio visual equipment in the program room
- Express self-checkout machines

### *Environmentally sound*

- Energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems
- Improved air quality with low VOC emissions
- Low flush toilets and sinks
- Flooring made from renewable natural materials
- Double glazed windows with low-e tint to reduce heat gain and loss
- Operable windows for natural ventilation
- Maximum use of natural light
- Sun shading devices (that resemble book spines) to control light levels
- Drought tolerant low maintenance plants & efficient irrigation system
- Sidewalk planters for rainwater catchment
- Light colored roofing to reduce heat island effect
- Excellent wall and roof insulation
- Interior light fixtures with daylighting control
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines 9 & 54)