PRESIDIO BRANCH LIBRARY
FACTS & FIGURES

Address
3150 Sacramento at Baker
San Francisco, CA 94115

Grand Reopening
March 26, 2011

Opened
1921

Original Architect
G. Albert Lansburgh

Landmark designation
June 2004

Opening hours
Open 6 days per week

City Librarian
Luis Herrera

Branch Manager
Megan Anderson

Architect
Field Paoli/Joseph Chow & Associates, Inc.

Historic Consultant
Page & Turnbull Inc.

Project Management
Department of Public Works

General Contractor
Roebuck Construction

Total project cost
$4.1 million

Original cost
$83,228 in Carnegie funds

Scope
Interior remodel & exterior façade restoration

Status
Construction completed on time and within budget

Size
10,205 square feet

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. Presidio is the 17th completed library project.
Highlights

Safe and accessible
- ADA accessible
- New accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Power assist lower level entrance
- Clear signage
- Replaced major retaining wall

Functional and efficient for the public and staff
- Updated collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and audio books
- Children’s area with interactive learning space for young children
- New designated teen area
- New sidewalk installed 24-hour book return
- A variety of seating options
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- Flexible program area with state of the art audio visual equipment and built-in projection screen for library programs
- New and restored furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials

Historic restoration
- Restored exterior terra cotta façade
- New pendant ceiling light fixtures
- Refinished historic chairs
- Refurbished windows
- Refinished perimeter bookcases

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

Environmentally sound
- Designed to meet LEED Silver standards or greater
- New linoleum flooring
- Refinished furniture
- Collection area for recycling and compostable materials
- Construction materials sourced locally
- 95 percent of the project’s construction waste was recycled or salvaged
- Efficient fixtures such as low-flow faucets that reduce water use
- New energy efficient heating system
- Reuse of existing building
- Energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines: 1BX, 1, 2, 3, 24, 43)

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