Presidio Branch Library

**Branch Facts**

**Style:** Carnegie  
**Area:** 10,205 sq. ft.  
**Architects:** G. Albert Lansburgh, 1921  

The Presidio Branch was established in 1898 as the sixth branch of the San Francisco Public Library system. The building was funded by Andrew Carnegie and is surrounded by a park which was designed by John McLaren, the superintendent of Golden Gate Park. It was designated a city landmark in 2004. Its careful historic renovation and restoration in 2011 was designed to meet U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification.

LEED Green Report Card

**Sustainable Sites**  
Location is Everything  
- Close to public transportation  
- Reduced construction pollution  
- Reduction of urban heat island effect  
- Minimization of light pollution

**Water Efficiency**  
Saving Resources  
- Low flow fixtures

**Energy and Atmosphere**

**Light & Air**
- Extensive natural light  
- Zero use of CFC-based refrigerants  
- Systems verified for optimal performance

**Materials and Resources**

**Renew & Reuse**
- Dedicated recycling area  
- Refurbished shelving  
- 95% of construction waste recycled or salvaged  
- 20% of building materials sourced within 500 miles of Library  
- Use of Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood

**Indoor Environmental & Air Quality**

**Breathe Deeply**
- Low VOC paints, adhesives and sealants  
- Controlled lighting, temperature and ventilation systems

**Innovation and Design Process**

**Fresh Ideas**
- Environmentally conscious pest management  
- Green cleaning products and practices

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