



San Francisco Public Library



## NEW VISITACION VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Address</b>	201 Leland Avenue @ Rutland San Francisco, CA 94134
<b>Grand Opening</b>	July 30, 2011
<b>Opening hours</b>	Open 6 days per week
<b>City Librarian</b>	Luis Herrera
<b>Branch Manager</b>	Alice Chan
<b>Architects</b>	DPW Bureau of Architecture
<b>Project Management</b>	Department of Public Works
<b>General Contractor</b>	CLW Builders, Inc.
<b>Public Art</b>	Ceiling sculpture by Mark Grieve & Ilana Spector titled " <i>Full Circle</i> "
<b>Total project cost</b>	\$13.4 million including site acquisition
<b>Scope</b>	Site acquisition and new construction
<b>Size</b>	9,945 square feet (7,645 SF larger than the leased facility)
<b>Site</b>	City purchased an old grocery store. New branch replaces a small leased facility.
<b>Financing</b>	Acquisition and construction of the branch was funded by 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. In addition, \$2 million will come from the Visitacion Valley Facilities and Infrastructure Fund.
<b>Program</b>	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.

## Highlights

### *Safe and accessible*

- ADA accessible & seismically safe
- Accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Clear signage
- Power assist front door

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

- Prominent corner location on Leland Avenue
- Updated and expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audio books
- Increased Chinese language materials
- Children's area with interactive learning features for young children
- Teen room
- Space to accommodate school visits
- Quiet study rooms
- Expanded materials collection capacity
- After hours book drop
- A variety of seating options
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- Program room with built-in media equipment for library programs and after-hours access for community use
- Public art
- Maximum use of natural light
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Landscaped outdoor courtyards

### *Technologically updated*

- 17 public computers for children, teens, and adults
- Laptop computers will be available for use by patrons within the library
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Checkout machines

### *Environmentally sound*

- Efficient, comfortable & flexible heating system
- Extensive natural lighting throughout building
- Drought-tolerant landscaping
- Rubber flooring made of recycled materials
- Paints, adhesives, & sealants that contain only low levels of volatile organic compounds
- Recycled redwood exterior trim
- Open ceilings to minimize the amount of materials needed in building
- 97% of the project's construction waste was diverted from landfill
- High performance lighting fixtures
- Natural ventilation via operable windows
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI 8AX, 8BX,8X,9,9L,56 & Third St Light rail)

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