



## WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH LIBRARY FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Address</b>	1550 Scott Street San Francisco, CA 94115
<b>Grand Opening</b>	February 2, 2008
<b>Opening hours</b>	Open 7 days per week ( <i>6 before the renovation</i> )
<b>City Librarian</b>	Luis Herrera
<b>Branch Manager</b>	Linda Suzuki
<b>Architect</b>	San Francisco Bureau of Architecture
<b>Project Management</b>	Department of Public Works
<b>General Contractor</b>	CDX Builders
<b>Total project cost</b>	\$4.3 million
<b>Scope</b>	Renovation & addition
<b>Size</b>	8,000 square feet
<b>Special collections</b>	The largest public Japanese language collection in Northern California, a significant Japanese Interest collection in English, an African-American Interest collection, and Shades of the Western Addition Project, a historically significant photographic collection.
<b>Financing</b>	Renovation 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. The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) is the largest capital improvement campaign in the history of the San Francisco Public Library. BLIP calls for 17 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, two branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch in Mission Bay.
<b>Highlights</b>	<i>Safe and accessible</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ADA accessible</li><li>• Seismically retrofitted</li><li>• Accessible restrooms for public and staff</li><li>• Talking directional signs</li><li>• New entrance with automatic (electric eye) front door</li></ul>

*Functional and efficient for the public and staff*

- Updated & expanded collections of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs & other materials
- Children's Area with age appropriate seating & materials
- New designated Teen Area
- After hours book drops
- Increased book shelving and materials displays (*774 more linear feet of shelving since the renovation*)
- A variety of seating in lounge areas, at tables and at computers
- Ergonomically designed dedicated staff work areas
- Clear signage
- Appropriate lighting and abundant daylight
- New furniture
- Self pick up of reserved materials
- Preeminent Japanese language collection
- New community room with built-in media equipment for library programs
- New secure landscaped garden

*Technologically updated*

- 23 public computers for children, teens, and adults: 8 exclusively for the library online catalog and multiple databases and 15 additionally with word processing and spreadsheet software plus access to the Internet (*there were only 6 public computers before the renovation*).
- 12 laptop computers for public computer classes
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines

*Environmentally sound*

- Reuse of existing building
- Energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems
- Improved air quality with low VOC emissions
- Durable materials with long life spans
- Raised access floor system allows for future change without construction demolition debris or extensive library down time
- Flooring made from renewable natural materials
- Increased wall insulation
- Insulated window glazing to reduce heat gain and loss
- Operable windows for natural ventilation
- Maximum use of natural light
- Window shades to control light levels
- Increased landscaping
- Drought resistant native grasses and plants
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location (MUNI lines 2, 4, 22, 24, & 38)

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