

# Bernal Heights Branch Library



## Branch Facts

**Style:** WPA

**Area:** 8,777 sq. ft.

**Architects:** Frederick Meyer, 1940  
BOA Library Design Studio, 2010

A library deposit station was established on Cortland Avenue in 1920. As the neighborhood and library grew, the Bernal Heights branch moved down the block in 1936. When that site proved inadequate the neighbors lobbied for a new building. The present branch was built on the site of the original Bernal School and was the 21st in the San Francisco library system. It was funded by the Work Projects Administration and dedicated on October 21, 1940. The branch was renovated and reopened in 2010 as a two-story library building.



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## Sustainable Sites

### Location is Everything

- 🚶 Close to public transportation
- 🏡 Preservation of valued historical building

## Water Efficiency Saving Resources

- 💧 Drought-tolerant landscaping

## Energy and Atmosphere

### Light & Air

- ☀ Natural ventilation with operable windows
- ☀ Natural lighting
- ☀ High performance historical lighting fixtures



## Materials and Resources

### Renew & Reuse

- 🔄 Restored historical windows, bookshelves and furniture
- 🔄 Salvaged/recycled wood trim
- 🔄 Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste
- 🔄 Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources
- 🔄 Restored historic rubber flooring



## Indoor Environmental Quality

### Breathe Deeply

- 🌿 Finish materials free of toxic PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
- 🌿 Formaldehyde-free composite wood products
- 🌿 Asbestos and lead materials removed from the building

## Innovation and Design Process

### Fresh Ideas

- 💡 Pest management that minimizes health and environmental risks
- 💡 Green cleaning with environmentally sound products and practices