

Excelsior Branch Library



Branch Facts

Style: Modern

Area: 8,307 sq. ft.

Architects: Appleton & Wolfard, 1967
S.F. Board of Architecture, 2005

Initially a library station, the Excelsior Branch opened in rental quarters at 7 Bauer Street. It was the 10th branch established in the San Francisco Public Library system. It moved to a leased building on Ocean Avenue in 1925 then relocated to 4465 Mission Street. In 1967, it moved across the street to a newly constructed midcentury building at its current site and was the first branch to be renovated in the Branch Library Improvement Program, reopening in 2005.



San Francisco Public Library

Green Report Card How Green is Your Library?



Sustainable Sites

Location is Everything

- 🚌 Close to public transportation

Energy and Atmosphere

Light & Air

- ☀️ Reflective “cool roof”
- ☀️ Roof mounted solar panels provide 7.5kw of power
- ☀️ Increased building insulation
- ☀️ Energy efficient windows
- ☀️ High efficiency boiler and radiant heating system
- ☀️ Natural lighting
- ☀️ High performance lighting fixtures



Materials and Resources

Renew & Reuse

- ♻️ Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources
- ♻️ Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste



Indoor Environmental Quality

Breathe Deeply

- 🏠 Recycled content carpeting, free of toxic PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
- 🏠 Formaldehyde-free composite wood products

Innovation and Design Process

Fresh Ideas

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