San Francisco Public Libraries are being designed, renovated and constructed to meet sustainable building standards.

**Richmond**

**Senator Milton Marks Branch Library**

### Branch Facts
- **Style:** Carnegie
- **Area:** 13,800 sq. ft.
- **Architects:** Bliss & Faville, 1914
- **S.F. Board of Architecture:** 2009

### Artwork
- Bronze sculptures: Scott Donahue

The Richmond branch was originally located at 809 Point Lobos (now Geary Boulevard) and Parker Avenues in 1892. In 1897, the branch relocated to 254 4th Ave. In 1914, a new Richmond Branch opened at its current location, the first library building in San Francisco constructed with Andrew Carnegie funds. In December 2000, the San Francisco Landmarks Board nominated the branch for designation as a city landmark. The branch was renovated and reopened in 2009.

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### Green Report Card

**How Green is Your Library?**

#### Sustainable Sites
- **Location is Everything**
  - Close to public transportation
  - Preservation of valued historical building

#### Energy and Atmosphere
- **Light & Air**
  - Energy Efficient HVAC System
  - Increased building insulation
  - Extensive natural lighting
  - High performance historical lighting fixtures
  - Double-glazed historic windows and high efficiency new windows

#### Materials and Resources
- **Renew & Reuse**
  - Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources
  - Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste
  - Restored historical perimeter bookshelves

#### Indoor Environmental Quality
- **Breathe Deeply**
  - Finish materials free of toxic PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
  - Asbestos and lead materials removed from building
  - Low-**VOC** paints, adhesives and sealants

#### Innovation and Design Process
- **Fresh Ideas**
  - Pest management that minimizes health and environmental risks
  - Green cleaning with environmentally sound products and practices

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