

LIBRARY DETAILS

LIBRARY@HARBOURFRONT

FAST FACTS

- Opening Date: 12 January 2019
- Floor Area: 3,000 square meters
- Collection Size: 200, 000
- Target Community: PMET and families across Singapore

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lobby**

Accessible all day, including outside of library operating hours, the space contains self-service features such as reservation lockers and the bookdrop. Patrons can look into the backroom to see their returned books being processed by the AutoSorter. There are also several interactive screens showcasing new eBook arrivals, eNewspapers and eMagazines, video content and library programmes. Patrons can pick the latest titles from attractive displays featuring the new print book arrivals.

- **Adults' and Teens' Zone**

A volunteer-run space that houses flexible programming areas and integration of physical and digital collections.

- **Reading Lounge 1**

This area houses the audio-visual and comics collections, study tables, as well as comfortable lounge seats for patrons to enjoy a good read against a scenic view of Sentosa.



➤ **Reading Lounge 2**

This area houses the Singapore Collection for youth and adults, and readers are treated to another view of Sentosa here. eNewspaper stations are available here too.



➤ **Learning Zone**

An informal space for smaller-scale programmes such as Tech Showcase and group discussions. This area integrates physical and digital collections by showcasing curated print books, video content and eBooks through an interactive screen and book display. It also features six Learning Pods where patrons can access digital content and resources for independent learning and to upgrade their skills. Accessing TED talks via these Learning Pods is also a hit among patrons here.



● **Children's Zone**

The Children's Zone features collections for children of all ages. There is also a dedicated audio-visual and magazine collection where young readers can explore a wide range of learning materials. There are specially designed reading spaces and activity areas for parents and children to read and learn together. Children can also enjoy interactive digital books and activities at the two Tumblebook stations.

➤ **Tinker Truck**

The first children's makerspace in a library targeted at children aged three to nine, this dedicated space enables children to develop their creative, problem-solving and early literacy skills. It features DIY learning activities such as word puzzles for children to explore on their own. Maker programmes related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) topics are also offered here. Children can discover

Augmented Reality books on topics such as Space, Animals and Body Health to make reading and learning more interactive.



➤ **Stories Come Alive Room**

This facility makes use of moving images, light and sound effects to make storytelling an immersive and interactive experience for children. The first Stories Come Alive Room was set up at Bukit Panjang Public Library to very positive feedback from parents and children. This facility at library@harbourfront has been expanded and allows for flexible use of the space, where unstructured play programmes for young children can also be held.



COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Adults and Teens**

The General Non-Fiction collection is grouped together and located prominently at the entrance of the zone to enhance discoverability. The collections are clustered according to three categories: “Travel and Recreation”, “Health and Wellbeing” and “Business and Technology”. Each category features a virtual bookshelf with eBooks on related topics. The magazines collection also offers an interactive screen for patrons to browse eMagazines.

- **Children**

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) collections to complement STEAM programmes are available here. Children can also discover Augmented Reality books on topics such as Space, Animals and Body Health to make reading and learning more interactive.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Facilities

- Seating Capacity: 466
- 16 eNewspaper stations
- 8 Multimedia Stations
- 6 Learning Pods
- 2 Programme Zones
- 2 Reading Lounges
- Reading Circles
- Tinker Truck
- Reservation Lockers
- Bookdrop
- Book Borrowing Stations
- Grab-n-Go

Services

- Workshops focusing on digital economy, new technologies, lifestyle and recreation
- Tech Showcases
- Immersive Storytelling
- Class visits
- Library Outreaches
- Personalised book and event recommendations (upon entry via gantries)

INTERESTING FACTS

Inspired by its proximity to Sentosa and the sea, the library adopted a coastal theme with waves and colours of blue and green for its design elements. It invites patrons to look “Beyond the Horizon”, to explore, discover and seek new knowledge.

Our Adults & Teens’ Zone is also a volunteer-run space where dedicated volunteers regularly help us with the shelving of books and other library initiatives.