

LIBRARY DETAILS

SEMBAWANG PUBLIC LIBRARY

FAST FACTS

- **Opening Date:** 11 August 2000
- **Re-opening Date:** 5 November 2014
- **Floor Area:** 1,607 square meters
- **Collection Size:** 120,000
- **Target Community:** Residents in the northern region of Singapore

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Thematic Storytelling & Readers' Advisory**

The library holds fun thematic storytelling sessions every 1st and 4th Saturday of the month. Conducted by library staff, children can look forward to a variety of topics such as folk tales, friendship, and festivals. During this time, parents and children can approach the staff for reading-related enquiries and recommended reads.

- **Children's Area**

The children's section is specially zoned into three areas. The Babies & Toddlers Section, designed with low-seating and tactile furniture, features the Early Literacy Collection, a collection that focuses on five key areas – playing, talking, singing, reading and writing – which are vital to children's learning and development.

The Young Readers Area, designed for older children aged 7 to 9 years, features children's Interactive Digital Storytelling Kiosks which serve to bridge the digital divide and allows all children to access the TumbleBook Library and experience the use of the library's eResources.

The Reading Deck features an open seating area for parents and children. It can also host storytelling and other programmes which parents can comfortably join in with their children.

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Housing about 120,000 items for users of all age groups, the library's collection includes more than 100 magazine titles, an Early Literacy collection for children aged 0 to 6 years, and digital library resources such as eNewspapers and eMagazines.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Sembawang Public Library was officially opened on 11 August 2000 by Mr. K Shanmugam, then Member of Parliament for Sembawang GRC. The library relocated to Level 5, Sun Plaza Shopping Centre, and was reopened on 5 November 2014 by Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health & Ministry of Transport.

INTERESTING FACTS

Sembawang has a rich shipyard and shipbuilding history. This history is translated in the library through a modern nautical and maritime design theme.

Paying homage to Sembawang's past, the library also features an image of the Sembawang jetty and other archival images of old Sembawang.

The children's area features container-shaped spaces reminiscent of the shipyard legacy of Sembawang, as well as provide a fun area for children to read and learn.