

West Portal Branch Library



Branch Facts

Style: WPA project

Area: 8,010 sq. ft.

Architects: Frederick H. Meyer, 1936
THA Architecture and Karen Payson
Architects, 2007

The first West Portal Branch Library was built on land transferred from the Board of Education to the San Francisco Public Library in 1936 and was the 20th branch established in the city. Three years later, the branch was rebuilt in the Mediterranean style as part of the Works Progress Administration and reopened in 1939. It reopened again in 2007 as the second branch renovation project completed under the Branch Library Improvement Program.



San Francisco Public Library

Green Report Card How Green is Your Library?



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

- ☀️ New energy efficient *HVAC system
- 💡 High performance historical lighting fixtures
- ☀️ Natural lighting including skylight



Materials and Resources

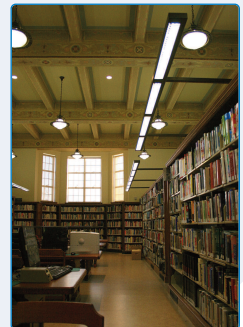
Renew & Reuse

- ♻️ Restored historical bookshelves, windows and furniture
- ♻️ Comprehensive recycling and diversion plan for waste
- ♻️ Natural linoleum made from renewable, non-toxic resources

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