

# WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH

*Our Neighborhood Library*

## Western Addition Branch Hours

Sunday  
1–5 p.m.

Monday  
1–9 p.m.

Tuesday  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Wednesday  
1–9 p.m.

Thursday  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Friday  
1–6 p.m.

Saturday  
10 a.m.–6 p.m.



## Transportation

Public transportation options include:

Muni bus lines:

- 2 Clement
- 3 Jackson
- 4 Sutter
- 22 Fillmore
- 24 Divisadero
- 38 Geary

## Nearby branches

### Presidio Branch

3150 Sacramento St.  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 355-2880

### Richmond Branch

351 9th Ave. (near Clement)  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
(415) 355-5600  
Reopening in 2009

Welcome to the  
WESTERN ADDITION BRANCH LIBRARY



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1550 Scott St. (at Geary)  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 355-5727



San Francisco Public Library

## Western Addition Branch History

The Western Addition Branch Library, designed by architects Appleton and Wolfard, opened on June 27, 1966 as the 27th branch established in the San Francisco Public Library System.

The branch was renovated in 2006-07. A new, dedicated teen space was added, the entire branch was refurbished, the patio garden area was enlarged, and new shelving, furniture, computers and staff workstations were purchased with funds raised in the community by Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. In addition, the branch was structurally strengthened for earthquake safety, and the mechanical and electrical systems were replaced.

The branch is situated just blocks from the historic Fillmore District and Japantown, neighborhoods with numerous ethnic stores, bookstores and restaurants. Russian speakers, African Americans, Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals make up the fabric of this multicultural neighborhood. The Jewish community also has strong roots here. Bordered by a large public park and recreation center, a charter high school, the growing medical facilities of Kaiser and UCSF, and the Rhoda Goldman assisted living center, the branch serves many age groups, in several languages, as well as a growing health care community.

## Special Collections

- **Japanese Language Collection** - 16,000+ books, AV materials, periodicals and reference books for adults and children on a wide variety of topics. It is the largest public library collection of its kind in Northern California.
- **African American Interest Collection** - Fiction, nonfiction, history and culture relevant to the African American community.
- **Japanese Interest Collection** - History and culture of Japan and Japanese Americans.
- **Russian Language Collection** - Small popular fiction and nonfiction collection.
- **"Shades of the Western Addition"** - Neighborhood photographs.

## Services at Western Addition

- Designated Teen and Children's areas
- Bilingual Japanese staff
- Community program room
- "Talking signs" to assist blind library users

## Free Citywide Library Services

Don't see the book you are looking for?

Free online reserves at [www.sfpl.org](http://www.sfpl.org)

Borrow materials from other libraries

Link +

Renewals (415) 557-4511 or [www.sfpl.org](http://www.sfpl.org)

Have questions? Call (415) 557-4400 or the branch at (415) 355-5727

## Additional Services at Every Location

- Extensive programming for adults, children and teens
- Lapsit, preschool and family storytimes
- Express self-checkout machines
- Public computers with word processing and spreadsheet software
- Access to the Internet, library online catalog and reference databases
- Free wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet

For help with any of these services, ask your librarian!

## Branch Library Improvement Program

The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) is the largest capital improvement campaign in the history of the San Francisco Public Library. The program will provide the public with seismically safe, accessible and technologically updated city-owned branch libraries in every neighborhood. Funded by a \$106 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000, BLIP calls for 17 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with city-owned buildings, two branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch in Mission Bay (opened July 2006).

We voted to renovate and build new branch libraries across the city. It's happening!

## Council of Neighborhood Libraries

The Council of Neighborhood Libraries (CNL) is an advisory body to the Library promoting communication among branch libraries, San Francisco's neighborhoods and library and city decision makers. Two library users from each of the neighborhoods served by the 27 branch libraries are appointed by the branch manager to represent the branch. The CNL co-sponsored the development of this branch brochure. If you are interested in becoming a CNL member, please check with your branch librarian for more information.

