

San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common



Location

330 Park Blvd
San Diego CA 92101
(Downtown in East Village, Park
Boulevard at 11th Avenue, Near Petco Park)

About the Building

497,652 square feet (nine stories including a 76,000 square foot charter high school on two floors, two levels of parking with 250 spaces, an adjacent 350 seat Auditorium and an outdoor Café)

Architects

Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA and Tucker Sadler & Associates

Construction Manager

Turner Construction

Construction Began

August 2010

Library Opened

September 30, 2013

Cost of the Building Projects

\$185 million total - The project is completely funded and no money was spent from the City's General Fund.

- \$20 million California State Library Proposition 14 grant.
- \$80 million Centre City Development Corporation.
- \$20 million San Diego Unified School District for a 40-year lease for the charter high school.
- \$65 million in private donations and an additional \$10 million toward operations - nearly 40% of the project's total. This is one of the largest public private partnerships funding a municipal project in the U.S.

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Sanford Children's Library

Fun and engaging Dr. Seuss-themed library with primary and intermediate grade collections, child-sized and specialized computer work stations, a colorful storytime and play area, spaces for learning programs and author events, and space for the I CAN, Too! Center for children with special learning needs.



Public Art

Public art is an important component of the San Diego Central Library and it plays a meaningful role in showcasing the region's artistic talent and cultural assets. A book wall in the Auditorium by internationally acclaimed artist **Donald Lipski** features thousands of recycled books attached to the wall. An art installation in an elevator by famed artists, **Einar and Jamex de la Torre** immerses visitors in a mythical "time machine" as the elevator travels from floor to floor. The Price Reading Room includes artistic repurposed furniture by renowned artist Roy McMakin. A wall installation by internationally recognized video artist **Gary Hill** features video monitors arrayed like an open book, presenting a digital artistic interpretation of literacy and reading. The art gallery on the 9th floor offers access to museum quality art. There are also approximately 150 other public art pieces on view throughout the building, including pieces in the Valeiras Sculpture Garden, that engage the mind and lift the spirits.



Gathering Spaces Small and Large

The San Diego Central Library is the "happening" place to be. There are spaces for everyone, including cozy reading nooks, 20 plus small and group study rooms, study carrels and the spacious Auditorium used for cultural programming and author talks. The ground floor Garden Courtyard with its outdoor café seamlessly connects the Library Lobby to the Auditorium. It is a large adaptable space that serve as a town square to host brown-bag concerts, author talks, civic events or smaller gatherings.

Pauline Foster Teen Center

This beach-themed space is a relaxing and safe learning environment for teens only. It includes a specialized media and gaming room, computers and study rooms, fun and engaging furniture to encourage teens to hang out and collaborate, an onsite snack area, and iPads, mini iPads, Chromebooks, and eReaders available for use in the Library.



e3 Civic High

The Central Library is the largest municipal library in the U.S. to have an onsite school. Located on the 6th and 7th floors, e3 Civic High started with 260 students in 9th and 10th grade and ultimately will serve up to 500 students. With a college and career readiness focused approach and collaboration with nearby higher educational centers, downtown businesses, and government, e3 Civic High is quickly becoming a national model for education.



Innovative Technology

Cutting edge technology is integrated throughout the Central Library. GPON (Gigabit Passive Optical Network) fiber optic architecture provides high bandwidth transmission and supports next-generation services. Free WIFI and nearly 300 digital devices are available including computer workstations, iPads, iPad Minis, Chromebooks, and Kindle and Sony eReaders (preloaded with the most popular titles). Technology enabled collaborative work spaces are provided throughout the Library. RFID tagging allows for more efficient materials handling and frees staff to provide direct service to customers.



Helen Price Reading Room

This "People's Penthouse" is an airy three-story soaring glass room under the Library's iconic sun-protective Dome. Here library users can read, relax and enjoy panoramic views of the bay and city skyline.



Space for Collections and Services

In the old Central Library almost two thirds of the collection was in the basement due to lack of space on the public shelves. The collection has now been returned to the people. Most of the 1.2 million item collection and 1.6 government publications are now on the public shelves making them "browsable." This access to the collection can spark library users' creativity and allow them to make connections between topics that were not easily possible in the past.

Special Event Space Rentals

The Library has many highly desirable special event spaces for rent include the 350 seat **Auditorium** with floor to ceiling doors that open to expand seating into the Garden Courtyard, the awe-inspiring **Lobby**, a 46 person **Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center**, the inspirational **Helen Price Reading Room** with three stories of glass under the dome, a museum-quality **Art Gallery**, the stunning 9th floor **Shiley Special Events Suite** with balconies facing west toward downtown and south toward the Bay, and the 9th floor open air **Qualcomm Dome Terrace** and **Valeiras Sculpture Garden** that take advantage of the beautiful San Diego skyline and climate. For information about reserving a special event space see the website at www.SanDiegoLibrary.org/SpecialEvents

