

Library Information Brochure

Mong Há Library

Mong Há Library was originally a three-storey building opened in 1988 inside Bairro Social de Mong-Há. To integrate with the Mong Há social housing redevelopment plan, the library was closed down briefly in April 2011 before it was relocated to the third storey of Habitação Social de Mong Há – Edifício Mong Sin, and re-opened in December the same year. The new library occupies an area of 360 sq. m, being divided into four areas (such as reading area, children's corner, newspaper area and multimedia room) with a total seating capacity for 91 users. There are seven computers with broadband internet access and multimedia audio-visual services plus one desktop electronic magnifier.



In coping with the development of Mong Há community and the readers' needs, the library primarily collects books for children, books on parenting and relationships and senior healthcare. Primary and secondary level students as well as parents and the elderly can conveniently get access to these materials. Its collection includes 30,796 volumes, 58 newspaper titles from different areas as well as 148 magazine titles.

The library provides services such as library card application, book lending, photocopying, newspapers and magazines, broadband internet access and access to electronic databases, etc.

Address: Av. Venceslau de Morais N.^{os} 178-182, Edif. de Mong Sin da Nova Habitação Social de Mong Há, 3^o andar B3, Macau

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2831 7288 Fax: (853) 2848 1963

Wong Ieng Kuan Children's Library in Areia Preta Urban Park

The first children's library in Macao, Wong Ieng Kuan Children's Library in Areia Preta Urban Park is located at the north of the Areia Preta Urban Park, just opposite to the Wong Ieng Kuan Library in Areia Preta Urban Park. Prior to renovation, the children's library was formerly the Northern District Public Services Centre. The library was unveiled to the public on 2nd July 2011, themed around the children's book *Alice in Wonderland* before it was repackaged with the animation theme *Pleasant Goat and Big Big Wolf* on 1st December 2012.

With an area of 210 sq. m., the structure features a circular children's play area, where children can play and activities can be held. It contains approximately 7,616 volumes, 861 audiovisual materials as well as 62 types of periodicals, with a seating capacity of 65.



Address: Av. 1^o de Maio, Parque Urbano da Areia Preta (Norte), Macau

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2843 7077 Fax: (853) 2845 0353

Wong Ieng Kuan Library in Areia Preta Urban Park

Opened in 2004, this library occupies an area of 220 sq. m., is located in Areia Preta Urban Park and was built through the generous donation of Mr. Wong Ieng Kuan. Apart from a book reading area, this library also houses a multimedia room and a newspapers and periodicals reading area for public use.

It has a collection of 7,083 volumes, 1,185 audiovisual items, 61 newspaper titles and 116 periodical titles. There is a seating capacity for 61. (The children's reading area was moved to Wong Ieng Kuan Children's Library in Areia Preta Urban Park on 2nd July 2011)



Address: Av. 1^o de Maio, Parque Urbano da Areia Preta (Sul), Macau

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 24:00, Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 - 24:00 (Closed on the first, second and third day of Chinese New Year, and at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve)

Tel: (853) 2845 1830 Fax: (853) 2845 0353

Ilha Verde Library

Located on the fourth floor of Edf. May Fair Garden, Ilha Verde Library opened in 1995. The first library equipped with a book anti-theft system in Macao, it soon became the culture, education, information and leisure centre of the neighbourhood.

The library occupies a total area of 482 sq. m. It is divided into various zones including reading area, newspapers and periodicals reading area, multimedia area, children's area and other zones. The library mainly collects audiovisual materials, children, medical and healthcare books. The library provides services such as library card application, books and audiovisual materials lending, photocopying of documents, access to the Official Gazette of the Macao Special Administrative Region, newspapers and periodicals, broadband internet and accessing electronic databases, and so on. It has a collection of approximately 30,310 volumes, 2,137 items of audiovisual materials, 66 global newspapers and 325 types of magazines along with seating for 85.



Address: Av. Concórdia N.º 281, Edf. May Fair Garden II Fase, 4º andar, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2822 5783, 2838 1767 Fax: (853) 2822 5474

Wong Ieng Kuan Library in Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Municipal Park

This library is situated in Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Municipal Park (a.k.a. Canal Dos Patos Park). It was opened in 1996 and was initiated with funding by Mr. Wong Ieng Kuan.

On 24th January 2014 the library was moved to a premise nearby. It was converted from a restaurant in the park in the hope of providing a more comfortable reading environment for the public.

The new library occupies 459 sq. m. and provides seating for 68. Apart from the book reading service, this library offers an audiovisual room, children's reading zone as well as newspapers and periodicals



reading area. It contains 12,939 volumes, 790 audiovisual materials, 58 global newspapers and 133 titles of magazines.

Address: Av. Comendador Ho Yin, Parque Municipal do Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2855 9020 Fax: (853) 2855 9021

Patane Library

The Patane Library, opened on 9th December 2016, is comprised of a group of seven old buildings with a history of over 80 years. Built in the 1930s, the buildings of the Patane Library are typical arcade buildings along the coast of the Inner Harbour. Arcade buildings feature an architectural form combining the architectural features of both Europe and Southeast Asia, and only a few arcade buildings are left in Macao at present. The Cultural Affairs Bureau has renovated the buildings and transformed them into the Patane Library. It aims not only to provide more reading space to local residents, but also to preserve and safeguard the buildings with special value and significance in the urban development, thus allowing the next generations to know more about precious historic buildings in Macao. Aside from enhancing the environment of the Inner Harbour, the renovation project has transformed the buildings into a place for the transmission of culture and knowledge.

The three-storey Patane Library covers an area of 1,130 sq. m., and provides approximate 162 seats for readers. In addition to the reading service of newspapers and magazines, the library also provides other basic services such as access to the general collection and children's collection. The library, dedicated to film and music, features a multimedia zone for holding regular film screenings, concerts and other activities. The library holds about 18,106 volumes, 5,403 audiovisual materials, 94 types of newspapers and 560 types of magazines, in order to satisfy the reading demands of readers in the Patane and nearby districts, hoping to create an environment with a reading atmosphere for residents.



Address: Rua da Ribeira do Patane, N.ºs 69-81, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 24:00, Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 - 24:00 (Closed on the first, second and third day of Chinese New Year, and at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve)

Tel: (853) 2825 9220, 2825 9221 Fax: (853) 2825 0161

Wong Ieng Kuan Library in Luis de Camões Garden

This library is located in Luis de Camões Garden and was built with the donation from Mr. Wong Ieng Kuan, an overseas Chinese from Peru. It was opened in 1999. This library, spanning 675 sq. m., has two storeys – the upper floor is the reading zone and leisure area for children, while the ground floor is the reading zone (including book reading zone and periodicals reading zone). This library has a collection of around 19,695 volumes, 62 newspaper titles from various places as well as 150 titles of periodicals and provides seating for 157.



Address: Praça de Luís de Camões, Jardim Luís de Camões, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2895 3079 Fax: (853) 2895 3305

Red Market Library

Red Market Library, formerly a Post Office branch, opened on 24th July 2012. The interior design of the library preserves the elements of the Post Office, showcasing the old mailbox loaned by the Communications Museum. By retaining its architectural features, the Cultural Affairs Bureau displays the historic and cultural value of the site.



The library occupies an area of some 260 sq. m., with seating for 65 as well as 6 computers with internet access. It mainly stocks home economics books to cater for the needs of residents in the neighbourhood. It has a collection of approximately 7,067 books, and carries 60 global newspapers and 157 types of magazines. The library provides services to the public such as library card application, book lending, reading of newspapers and periodicals, photocopying of documents, free broadband internet access and searching of electronic databases.

Address: Av. Ouvidor Arriaga N.º 147, R/C, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday 07:00 - 02:00

Tel: (853) 2821 7348 Fax: (853) 2821 7099

Macao Central Library

The library was formerly the National Library established in 1895. Situated in St. Augustine's Church, it originally belonged to Liceu de Macau (Liceu Secondary School). The Macao Central Library underwent severe challenges throughout its development. From 1917 to 1929, it successively moved to St. Joseph's Seminary, Hotel Bela Vista, Shelter for the Disabled at Tap Seac and Leal Senado Building (currently known as IAM Building). Settling there for a longer period, in 1983 the library was relocated to the current site at Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, where it has gradually developed.



Today, the services of Macao Central Library are diversified. In addition to providing basic services such as library card application, photocopying, access to the Official Gazette of the Macao Special Administrative Region, book lending and access to newspapers and periodicals, the library also provides a microfilm reading service, Macao information references, back-issue newspapers and periodicals, broadband internet access, electronic news, electronic databases and other services.

To cater for readers' needs, the interior of the library was refurbished in early 2007, where space and seats for readers were added, furniture was renewed and amenities were introduced. The two-storey main library currently occupies an area of 1,371 sq. m., with seating capacity for about 271 plus a collection of approximately 92,289 volumes (including approximately 31,764 volumes of Macao Collection), 672 rolls of microfilms, 4,069 audiovisual materials, 94 newspaper titles and 610 magazine titles. Generally, the collection is mainly comprised of information technology books, English and Portuguese books as well as Macao information and historical literature about Portugal in the Far East.

Address: Av. Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida N.º 89 A-B, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 24:00, Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 - 24:00 (Closed on the first, second and third day of Chinese New Year, and at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve)

Tel: (853) 2856 7576, 2855 8049 Fax: (853) 2831 8756

Library in Ho Yin Garden

This library was officially opened to the public in 1993 and then closed in compliance with the NAPE renewal plan in 2005. Finally, it reopened on 10th February, 2009 following reconstruction. The new building, with a total area of 368 sq. m., is located in Ho Yin Garden. There are two floors in this library – the ground floor is the newspapers and multimedia section while the second floor is the reading room. It holds 13,236 volumes, 126 pieces of audiovisual materials, 63 newspaper titles and 131 international periodical titles, with seating for 75.



Address: Alameda Dr. Carlos d'Assumpção do Jardim do Comendador Ho Yin, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2870 6940 Fax: (853) 28 706 939

Senado Library

Senado Library is located on Av. Almeida Ribeiro (San Ma Lo) inside the Municipal Affairs Bureau Building (IAM Building). The library is based on the design of Biblioteca do Convento de Mafra in Portugal, and a strong classical style is evident in the decoration and furnishings. *Noticias de Macau* had reprinted an article originally published in the *South China Morning Post* in 1949 and published its own commentary on in 1951, praising the design of the library as one of the most luxurious libraries in the Orient at the time.



The library opened in 1929, the predecessor to the Macao Central Library, and is one of the libraries with the longest service history in Macao plus the most valuable collection. Currently, the library specialises in collecting foreign rare books from the 17th to mid-20th Century, in particular the historical documents of Portugal in Africa and the Far East, many of which are rare treasures.

In addition, the library keeps Portuguese newspapers published in the late 19th and early 20th Century, including the Portuguese newspaper *A Abelha da*

China first published in 1822, which was the first journal published by foreigners in the territory of China, and was also the first newspaper in Macao. All rare books placed in the library require special preservation, and may only be viewed inside the library.

The Senado Library occupies a total area of 454.9 sq. m., with seating for eight, providing for access to newspapers, periodicals and microfilms, foreign rare books, foreign language back-issue newspapers and periodicals, broadband internet, and so on. Its collection primarily features ancient books in foreign languages and historical Portuguese documents from Africa and the Far East; the library currently houses a collection of approximately 20,000 volumes, 48 current newspaper titles and 121 titles of bound back-issue newspapers plus periodicals.

Address: Av. Almeida Ribeiro N.º 163, Edf. do IAM, Macau
Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 13:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2857 2233 Fax: (853) 2831 2772

Sir Robert Ho Tung Library

Initially owned by Carolina Antónia da Cunha, the building was constructed before 1894 (20th year of the Guangxu reign in the Qing Dynasty). It changed hands several times before it was subsequently purchased by Hong Kong magnate Sir Robert Ho Tung in 1918. After his death, his descendants executed Ho Tung's will by not only donating Largo de Santo Agostinho, No. 3 – Ho Tung's former dwelling – to the community but by bequeathing HK\$25,000 for the government to purchase Chinese books to establish a public library collecting Chinese books.

On 1st August 1958, Sir Robert Ho Tung Library was officially opened to the public. With some 3,000 book volumes, the library was then the largest public library in Macao and the only library in Macao and Hong Kong with garden landscaping.

Having served the public for more than five decades, the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao S.A.R. Government allocated tens of millions of patacas to build a new building in the backyard of Sir Robert Ho Tung Library, taking into account the preservation of the historic building and



the functions of a modern library. The new structure became operational on 13th November 2006.

Currently, the total area of the old and new buildings is approximately 3,195 sq. m., plus a garden of some 1,583 sq. m., The facility has a seating capacity for some 500 people and a collection capacity of over 100,000 volumes. As the largest local library, it holds abundant information, while also being available for study, cultural activities and leisure purposes. The library has a building for rare collections, multifunction hall, indoor and outdoor reading area, children's reading area, multimedia area, leisure area, study room, garden, stack room, administrative area, ISBN agency and various other functional areas, providing lending services for books and audio-visual audiovisual materials, sections for reading of periodicals, broadband internet access, music and film appreciation, exhibitions, lectures, ISBN application, ISSN and ISRC application on behalf, etc.

'Chinese Ancient Books Chamber' on the second floor of the old building contains about 5,000 volumes of rare Chinese books, including classical Chinese literature and history composed in the Jiaping reign of the Ming Dynasty. The most precious items are the 16 books from the Jiaye Book Library Tower previously collected by renowned modern bibliophile Liu Chenggan, including Manuscript of Siku Quanshu's Synopsis by Weng Fanggang, manuscript of Records of An Accused by Cha Jizuo, Taiping Yulan (Ming manuscript) composed by Li Fang along with other authors, manuscript of Supplements to the History of the Comprehensive Mirror Topically Arranged written by Zhang Xingyao, Chronicle of Yongzhou by He Jingming, and manuscript of Major Events in the Comprehensive Mirror in Aid of Governance edited and annotated by Li Zutao.

On the whole, Sir Robert Ho Tung Library's collection is primarily comprised of ancient books, works of literature, history, philosophy, art and architecture as well as audiovisual materials. The library has collected 4,154 rare books, some 105,455 general books, 4,114 items of audiovisual materials, 75 newspaper titles from various places plus 457 titles of periodicals and bound back issues for 49 newspapers.

Address: Largo de Santo Agostinho N.º 3, Macau

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2837 7117, 2893 0077, 2893 0966 Fax: (853) 2831 4456

S. Lourenço Library

Established for the renovation project of Municipal Market Complex of S. Lourenço, S. Lourenço Library became operational in December 2009.

Located on the 3rd floor of the market, the library spans 1,245 sq. m. and is comprised of a reading area, a multimedia room, a children's reading room, a newspaper and periodical reading area for reading and leisure. The library houses 16,649 volumes, 559 pieces of audiovisual materials, 62 global newspapers titles and 126 magazine titles. It provides seating for 156 and its activity room can accommodate 40 individuals.

Address: Rua de João Lecaros, Mercado de S. Lourenço, 3º andar, Macau

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 24:00, Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 - 24:00 (Closed on the first, second and third day of Chinese New Year, and at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve)

Tel: (853) 8294 7931

Fax: (853) 82947 944



Taipa Library

Taipa Library is located on the basement floor of Taipa Central Park. It was officially put into public service on 1st September 2015 following its trial operation from 15th April the same year. Occupying a total area of 2,200 sq. m., it provides the largest space for public use among all public libraries. A large amount of translucent glass is used on doors and windows to separate the areas, allowing natural light into the library.

The library has four major zones, including a general reading area, a 'children library', newspapers and periodicals reading area and a multimedia room. It also houses a theatre for children, outdoor garden, multi-function room, nursing room, and a book drop device installed on the garden level. The library offers approximately 413 seats for reading, with a collection of some 85,037 volumes (including 29,872 children's books) and 8,434 audiovisual materials. With the capacity for a maximum collection of up to 150,000 volumes, Taipa Library carries 93 newspaper titles and 608 titles of periodicals from various places.

Address: Rua de Seng Tou, Parque Central da Taipa, 1ª Cave, Taipa

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 24:00, Tuesday to Sunday 08:00 - 24:00 (Closed on the first, second and third day of Chinese New Year, and at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve)

Tel: (853) 2884 3105, 2884 3172

Fax: (853) 2884 3607



Wong Ieng Kuan Library in Taipa

This library is located on the second floor of Hei Loi Tang Plaza in Rua do Regedor in Taipa, and was officially opened in January, 2005.

It was built with a donation from Wong Ieng Kuan Foundation. With a total area of 660sq. m., the library accommodates the audio visual materials room, the newspapers and magazines reading room, a children's room and self study room, the library regularly hosts different reading promotion activities and contains 7,581 volumes, 1,056 audiovisual materials, 61 newspapers titles from all around the world and 113 titles of periodicals, and provides 115 seats.



Address: Rua do Regedor, Hei Loi Tang Plaza, 2º andar, Taipa

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 8893 1223

Fax: (853) 2882 7602

Coloane Library

An antique, elegant building built in 1911 in Portuguese style, Coloane Library stood on Rua 5 de Outubro, Coloane. The library was formerly the Coloane Public Elementary School, one of three elementary schools on the outlying islands. Later, the function of the building was changed several times until it was re-modelled as a library in 1983.



The library occupies 170 sq. m. and provides 22 seats. It contains some 6,504 volumes, mostly children's books and popular novels, as well as 49 newspaper titles from different areas and 44 types of magazines.

Address: Av. Cinco de Outubro, Coloane

Opening Hours: Monday 14:00 - 20:00, Tuesday to Sunday 8:00 - 20:00 (Closed at 14:00 on Chinese New Year Eve and closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: (853) 2888 2254

Fax: (853) 2888 2254