

Library Information Brochure

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 279 plus a collection of approximately 106,544 volumes (including approximately 40,235 volumes of Macao Collection), 672 rolls of microfilms, 5,368 audiovisual materials, 89 newspaper titles and 348 magazine titles. Generally, the collection is mainly comprised of Macao information, English and Portuguese books as well as 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

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 94 users. Its collection includes approximately 29,784 volumes, 51 newspaper titles from different areas as well as 94 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, 3º 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

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 children's book area, newspapers and multimedia section while the second floor is the reading room. It holds approximately 14,233 volumes, 763 pieces of audiovisual materials, 55 newspaper titles and 94 international periodical titles, with seating for 96.



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

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 open to the public on 2nd July 2011.

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 8,889 volumes, 963 audiovisual materials as well as 46 types of periodicals, with a seating capacity of approximately 65.



Address: Av. 1º 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 7,328 volumes, 1,193 audiovisual items, 53 newspaper titles and 67 periodical titles. There is a seating capacity for 58. (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. 1º 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

Bairro da Ilha Verde Library

Located on the first floor of Block 2 of the Edifício do Bairro da Ilha Verde, the Bairro da Ilha Verde Library will commence operation on 30 September 2024. The total area of the Library is 1,060 sq. m., which has more than doubled the size of the original Ilha Verde Library in Mayfair Garden. Its design features the geographical characteristics of the former Ilha Verde, with the culture of fishing village as elements for design, accompanied by a rational planning of the public space within the Library. It is a comprehensive public library in the Ilha Verde area that combines the functions of shared learning, leisure and networking.



The Bairro da Ilha Verde Library has a seating of around 212, with a collection of approximately 27,994 volumes, 1,711 items of audiovisual materials, 53 global newspapers and 181 types of periodicals. In addition to the general functions and areas of libraries, such as book reading area, newspaper and periodical reading area, study room, children's reading area and multimedia area, the Library also has multifunction room, group discussion room, baby care room and self-service kiosk, etc., which provide a quality and user-friendly reading experience and space for the public.

Address: Rua de Lei Pou Ch'ôn N.º 122, Edif. do Bairro da Ilha Verde, Bloco II, 1º andar 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) 2882 7101

Fax: (853) 2882 7102

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 19,671 volumes, 26 newspaper titles from various places as well as 92 titles of periodicals and provides seating for 116.



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

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.

The new library occupies 459 sq. m. and provides seating for 60. Apart from the reading area, this library offers an audiovisual room, children's reading zone as well as newspapers and periodicals reading area. It contains 11,754 volumes, 1,195 audiovisual materials, 30 global newspapers and 89 titles of magazines.

Address: Av. Comendador Ho Yin, Parque Municipal do Dr. Sun Yat Sen, 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) 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 165 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 24,739 volumes, 5,257 audiovisual materials, 40 types of newspapers and 168 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.º 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

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 73. It mainly stocks home economics books to cater for the needs of residents in the neighbourhood. It has a collection of approximately 5,136 books, and carries 37 global newspapers and 61 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



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 400 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 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 Books Chamber contains about 18,000 books, including about 5,000 ancient Chinese books published before 1912; there are about 96,925 general books (excluding those in the Books Chamber), 6,168 items of audiovisual materials, 65 newspaper titles from various places plus 272 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 18,036 volumes, 1,878 pieces of audiovisual materials, 54 global newspapers titles and 98 magazine titles. It provides seating for 143 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) 8294 7944

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 baby book club, an outdoor garden, a multi-function room, a nursing room, and a book drop device installed on the garden level. The library offers approximately 417 seats for reading, with a collection of some 84,413 volumes (including 28,671 children's books) and 5,521 audiovisual materials. With the capacity for a maximum collection of up to 150,000 volumes, Taipa Library carries 72 newspaper titles and 319 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



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 8,324 volumes, mostly children's books and popular novels, as well as 44 newspaper titles from different areas and 31 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



Seac Pai Van Library

The Seac Pai Van Library, located at Av. Vale das Borboletas, Complexo Comunitário de Seac Pai Van, 6º andar, Coloane, was put into operation on the 24th of September, 2019. With a total area of 2,074 sq. m. and more than 300 reading seats, the Library is a comprehensive public library that integrates the functions of learning, leisure and social intercourse. It currently has a collection of approximate 63,656 volumes and 6,773 audiovisual materials, with the estimated storage capacity up to 75,000 volumes.

In spatial design, the Library focuses on the creation of space and environment. The Library features personal reading space and social interaction areas, such as a group discussion room and family zone, making itself an important public place in the district. In addition to the general library functions and areas, including periodicals area, reading area, self-study area, children's reading area and audiovisual materials areas, the Library also features a nursing room and a self-service station, offering a quality and convenient reading experience and reading space.

Address: Avenida de Vale das Borboletas, Complexo Comunitário de Seac Pai Van, 6.º andar, Coloane
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) 2826 1631, 2826 1633 Fax: (853) 2826 1635

