MARINA BRANCH LIBRARY
FACTS & FIGURES

Address	1890 Chestnut Street San Francisco, CA 94123
Opened	June 16, 1954
Original architect	Appleton & Wolfard
Original building cost	$156,742 (plus $12,926 for furniture & equipment)
Opening hours	Open 7 days per week
Closed for renovation	September 2005
Grand Re-Opening	August 4, 2007
City Librarian	Luis Herrera
Branch Manager	Valentin Porras
Architects	Tom Eliot Fisch/Field Paoli
Project Management	Department of Public Works
General Contractor	Trico Construction
Total project cost	$3.9 million
Scope	Renovation & addition
Size	7,633 square feet
Financing	Renovation of the branch was funded by a $105.9 million bond measure passed by voters in November 2000 and $500,000 in private funds raised by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library for furniture, fixtures and equipment. The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) is the largest capital improvement campaign in the history of the San Francisco Public Library. 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.

Highlights

Safe and accessible

- Seismically retrofitted
- ADA fully accessible building
- New accessible restrooms for public and staff
- Talking directional signs
- Automatic front door

Functional and efficient for the public and staff

- New glass enclosed browsing area with moveable shelves to create space for programs
- Increased shelving
- Updated and expanded book & materials collection
- Children's Area with moveable stacks for storytimes
- New designated Teen Area
- New after hours book drop
- A variety of seating in lounge areas, at tables and at computers
- New efficient book shelving & materials displays
- Ergonomically designed staff work areas
- Clearer signage
- Improved lighting
- New furniture
- Self pick up shelves for reserved books
- Revamped courtyard with new plants and benches
- New built-in screen and projector for programs

Technologically updated

- 16 public computers for children, teens, and adults with word processing and spreadsheet software plus access to the Internet, library online catalog, and multiple databases
- Wireless (Wi-Fi) access to the Internet
- Express checkout machines

Environmentally sound

- Reuse of existing building
- Used reclaimed bricks
- Energy efficient mechanical, lighting and hot water systems
- Improved air quality with low VOC emitting adhesives
- Flooring made from recycled materials
- Increased wall insulation
- Insulated window glazing to reduce heat gain and loss
- New operable windows for natural ventilation
- Maximum use of natural light
- Window shades to control light levels
- Increased landscaping
- Drought resistant native grasses and plants
- New bicycle racks
- Transit friendly location

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