

# Library's new home

It is five times larger than the old one and houses a comprehensive range of collections, facilities and services. And more importantly, this civic institution will be "a place for the people".

## » The Lee Kong Chian Reference Library

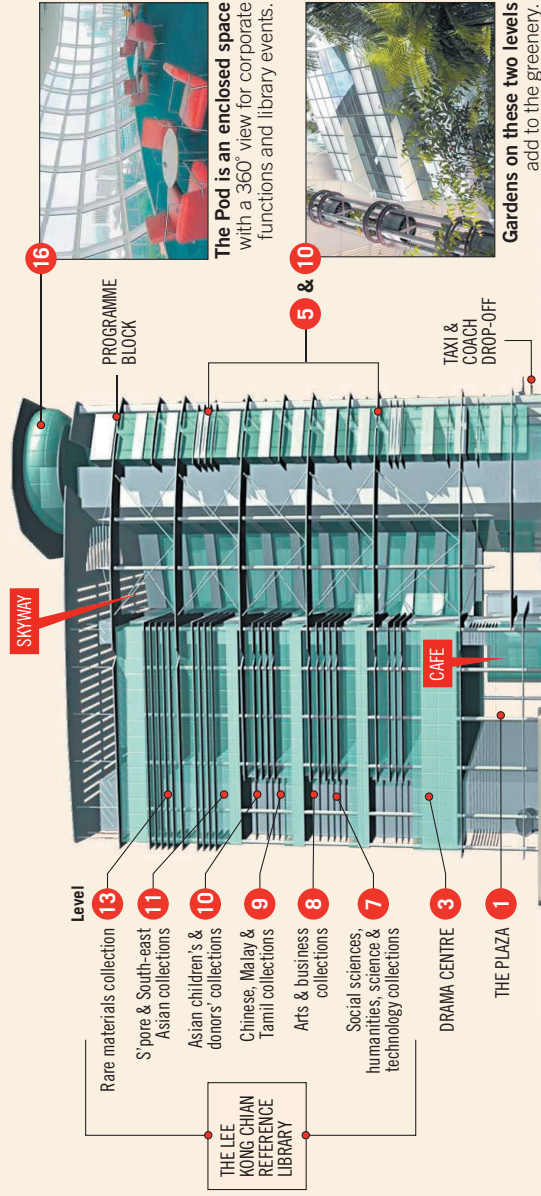


The seven floors contain a start-up collection of 500,000 reference books, twice the number in the old library. Levels 11 to 13 feature an impressive three-storey-high book wall, with photo walls (top) that change colour at intervals. It is named after the late Dr Lee Kong Chian, founder of the Lee Foundation, which donated \$60 million to the library.

Levels 7 to 13

## » The National Arts Council's Drama Centre

25-PERSON ORCHESTRA PIT



### LIBRARY BLOCK

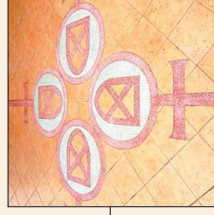
The largest block, it contains the reference collections and houses the Drama Centre.

SKYWAYS LINKING THE TWO BLOCKS

### PROGRAMME BLOCK

Access to libraries and Drama Centre is through this block's main lobby area.

**St Andrew's insignia** was moved here from the former library. The Stamford Road site used to be occupied by St Andrew's School.



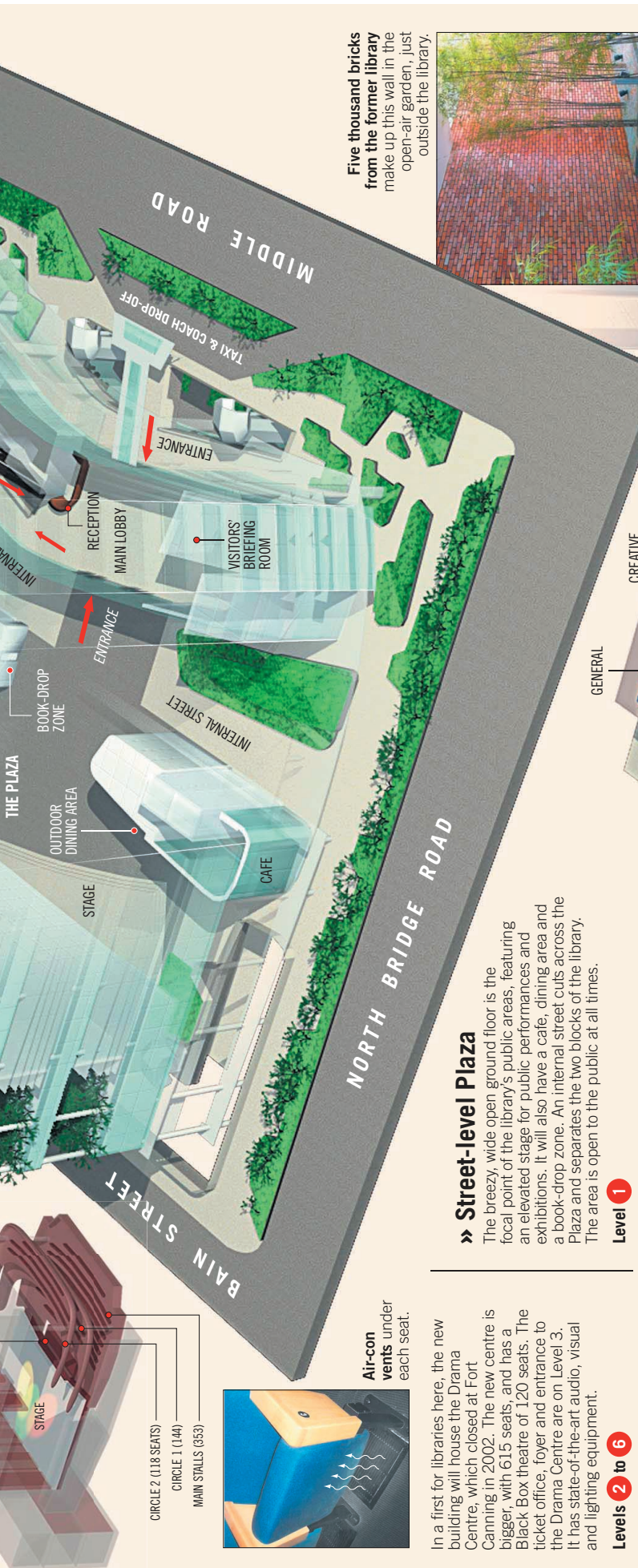
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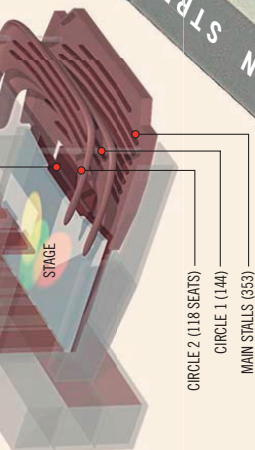
ESCALATORS TO B1

VICTORIA STREET

Level 1



Five thousand bricks from the former library make up this wall in the open-air garden, just outside the library.



CIRCLE 2 (118 SEATS)  
CIRCLE 1 (144)  
MAIN STALLS (853)

**Air-con vents** under each seat.



In a first for libraries here, the new building will house the Drama Centre, which closed at Fort Canning in 2002. The new centre is bigger, with 615 seats, and has a Black Box theatre of 120 seats. The ticket office, foyer and entrance to the Drama Centre are on Level 3. It has state-of-the-art audio, visual and lighting equipment.

**Levels 2 to 6**

**Street-level Plaza**

The breezy, wide open ground floor is the focal point of the library's public areas, featuring an elevated stage for public performances and exhibitions. It will also have a cafe, dining area and a book-drop zone. An internal street cuts across the Plaza and separates the two blocks of the library. The area is open to the public at all times.

**Level 1**

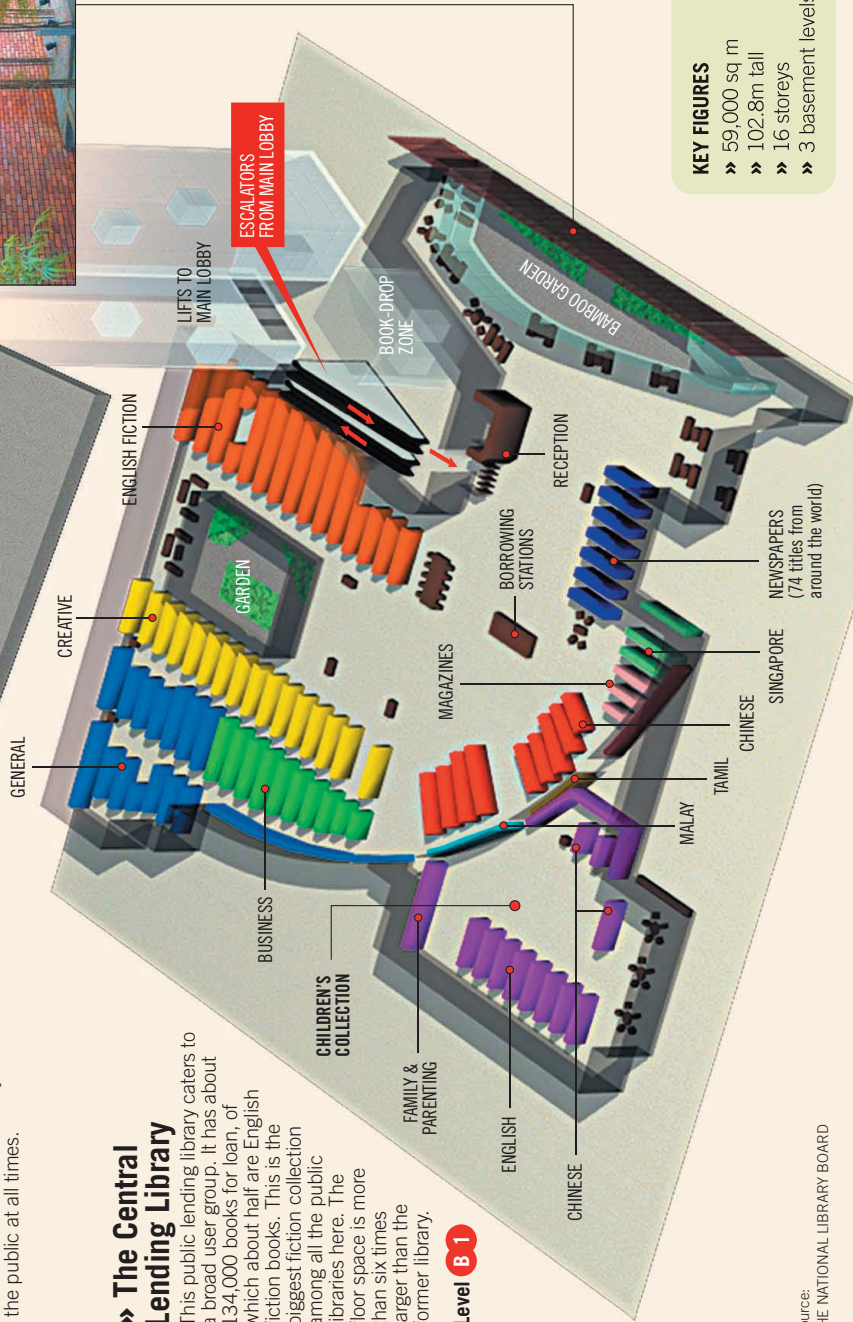
**A smart, green, windy building**

- Building orientated away from the sun's east-west path.
- Atrium spaces and other spaces draw wind in, creating natural ventilation.
- 14 gardens with vegetation forming 35% of total site area help lower the temperature.
- Rain sensors shut off sprinklers when there's enough water supply for the roof-top gardens.
- Light sensors dim or switch off lights when there's enough natural light entering the Library.
- Motion sensors activate escalators.
- Automatic blinds work to reduce glare and heat from the sun.

**The Central Lending Library**

This public lending library caters to a broad user group. It has about 134,000 books for loan, of which about half are English fiction books. This is the biggest fiction collection among all the public libraries here. The floor space is more than six times larger than the former library.

**Level B 1**



**KEY FIGURES**

- 59,000 sq m
- 102.8m tall
- 16 storeys
- 3 basement levels

**How to get there**

- MRT: Bugis station
- BUS: Victoria Street - 61, 81, 130, 133, 143, 197, 520, 881, 960, NR7, NR8 and SW10
- North Bridge Road - 7, 32, 51, 61, 63, 80, 145, 197, 851 and SW20
- TAXI: Alight at Middle Road
- CAR: Parking in B2 and B3



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