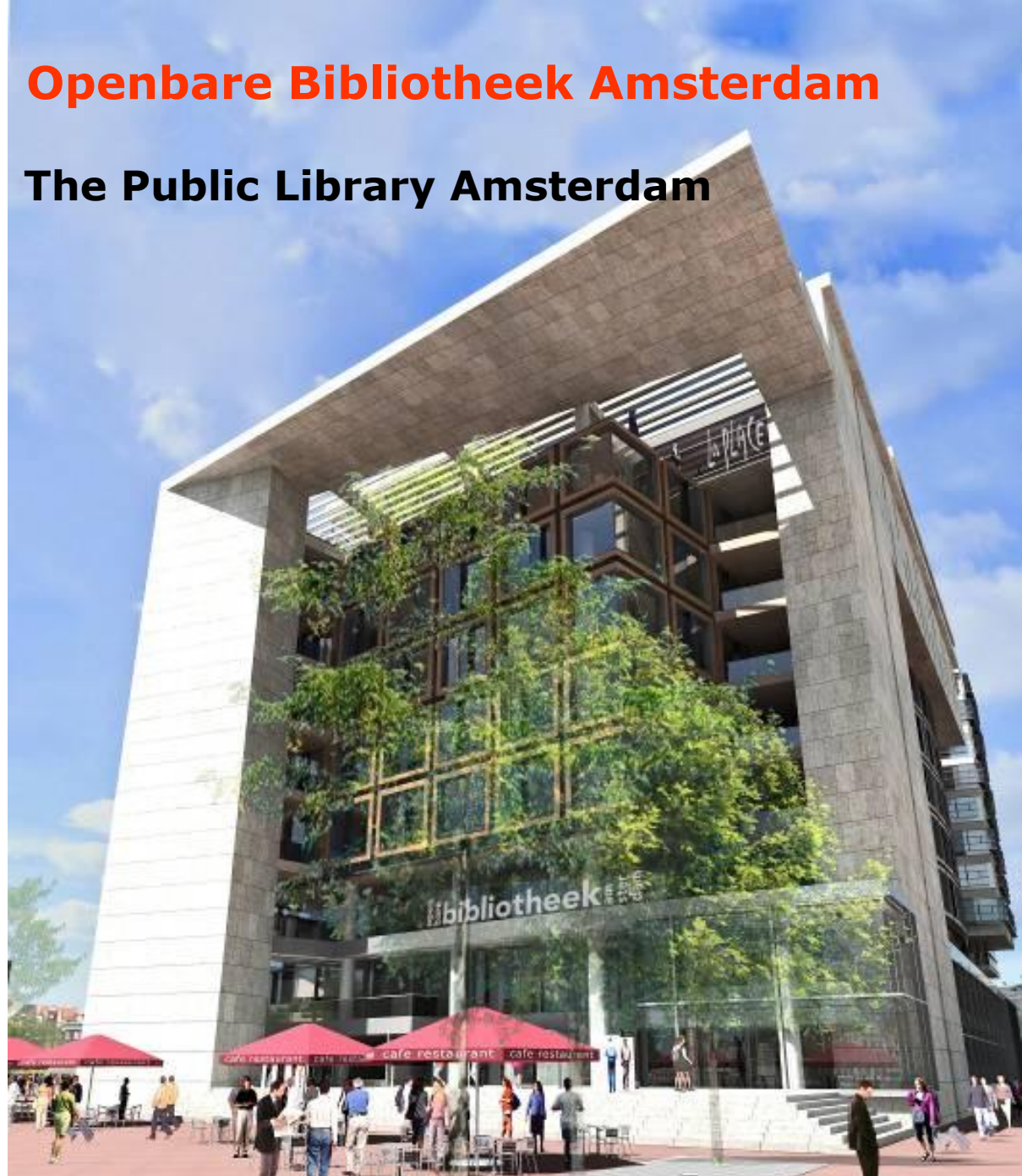


Openbare Bibliotheek Amsterdam

The Public Library Amsterdam

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Amsterdam Public Library, Foundation founded in 1919

Facts and figures

- Amsterdam:
- Capital of The Netherlands
- 828.202 inhabitants, over 40% not Dutch

- Library Network:
- 1 central library
- 6 regional libraries
- 20 neighbourhood libraries

- Lending per year:
- 3.2 million books
- 500.00 audio visual materials

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Members:

- 90.000 young people (until 18)
- 60.000 adults
- 15.00 elderly people

Employees:

- Full-time units 235
- 300 persons

Numbers of visitors a year:

- 3.8 million

Amsterdam Public Library, Foundation founded in 1919

Facts and figures

- Collection:
 - 1.6 million books and music materials
 - 200.000 CD's, DVD's, CD-ROM's and games
 - Free downloads: 900.000 e-music tracks

- Budget:
 - Total costs : 35.000.000
 - Subsidy: 30.500.00
 - Own income: 4.500.000

The New Central Library

From lending library to adventure library



A new library programme

- Adequate space for books/ avm: open stacks/ closed stacks
- Separate theatre
- Exhibition space
- Places to study: an adequate ICT infrastructure
- Catering facilities
- An invitation to explore and to spend some of your leisure time

General information

- Design: Architectural Bureau Jo Coenen
- Surface: 28.000 m²
- 9 Floors for the public
- 1.000 Seats (500 with PC's / Internet)
- 8 Information desks run by librarians
- Self service concept with lending machines (Lendomats) / self loan desks, print and pay- facilities

Accessibility

- A parking garage for 1.200 cars
- A bicycle shed (guarded) for 2.000 bicycles
- Easy access by rail, bus, tram and metro
- Accessible for physically disabled

Media presentation

- 8 Kilometres shelving in open stacks
- 24 Kilometres in closed stacks
- Separate design by bureau Coenen / Bomefa
- The possibility for presentations at the head of the bookcases
- Lightning with leds



Special collections

- Amsterdam collection
- Library museum/
Boudewijn Buch collection
- IHLIA collection
- Historical Children's Books
- Reve collection



ICT infrastructure

- Wireless network
- Connected to all branches (26)
- Gigabyte and fibre options
- 500 internet pc's
- Grid on all floors

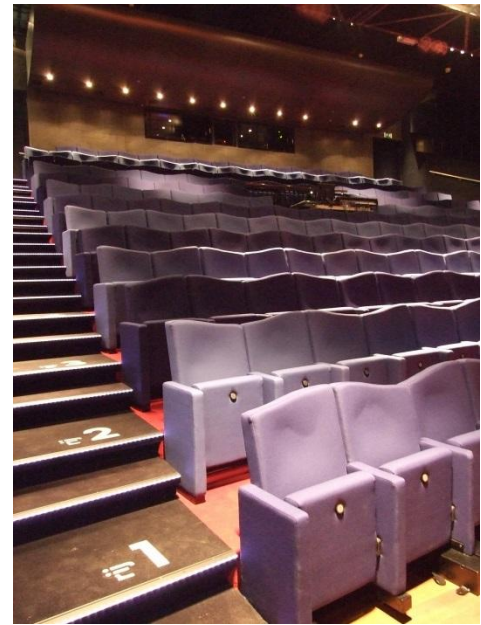


Theatre “Van ‘t woord”

- Professionally designed: light/ sound/ recording technique
- 250 seats
- A “library department”
- Performances on plays/film/ music/ lectures
- Connected to catering and conference rooms
- 25 Performances monthly

Theatres

- “Theater van ‘t Woord” (250 seats)
- “Annie M.G. Schmidt Theater” (Children’s theatre 40 seats)



Exhibition space

- 300 m²
- Professional exhibitions
- Supplementary to what the library offers
- Co-operation with other cultural and educational institutes
- This moment an interesting exhibition about Cry y Ortiz, the architects of the renovation of the Rijksmuseum



Catering facilities: La Place



- The restaurant “Du Monde” on the 7th floor with a seating capacity of 250 seats
- La Place “Express” near the magazines
- Banqueting, receptions, lunches, dinners

Daily Radio Broadcastings

- Locally: Amsterdam FM
- Nation wide: OBA live



Come see and judge yourself



- An open, light and transparent building
- Open 7 days a week, 12 hours a day
- Cosy corners with comfortable chairs
- Dedicated to art
- Wonderful city view and terrace on 7th floor
- A knowledge bank for information and education

Results

- Over 5.000 visitors a day
- 7.000 Visitors during the weekend
- Most visited Cultural venue in Amsterdam
- In 2012 voted the Best Dutch Library

10 millionth visitor on 20th April 2013



There is always something to experience in the OBA

