

Self-guided tour: J. Erik Jonsson Central Dallas Public Library



The J. Erik Jonsson Central Library opened in April of 1982. Designed by Fisher and Spillman Architects, Inc., the building compliments the inverted structure of City Hall directly across the street.

With eight subject-specialty floors, it is one of the largest public library facilities in the nation.

1st Floor Central Downtown Branch

On this floor:

Current Collection (fiction and non-fiction)
DVDs, CDs, & Audiobooks
Young Adult Section · Sports Collection
BookEnds (Used Book Store)

Artwork (in concourse)

Textured Screen, Harry Bertoia (1955)
Square Form with Circles, Barbara Hepworth (1963)
Mantra □△◇ "*Topsy Turvy*", David W. McCullough (1977)
Hand-woven Navajo blankets (c. 1870 to 1890s)

2nd Floor Children's Center

On this floor:

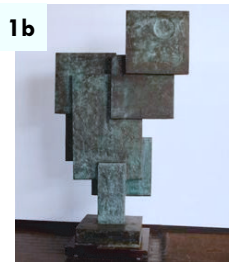
Children's Books, DVDs, & Audiobooks
Historic Children's Literature Collection
Discovery Wall
Experiential Learning Area (crafts tables)
Magnetic and chalk walls for poetry and art expression

**Artwork (may not be on display due to recent renovation)

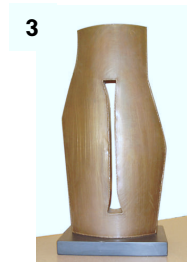
***Star Quarters I-IV*, Robert Rauschenberg (1971)
***Viking Ship Drakkar*
***Manderley Doll House*, Julius Richard Guest (1980)



1a *Textured Screen*, Harry Bertoia, 1955 (1st floor)



1b *Square Form with Circles*, Barbara Hepworth, 1963 (1st floor)



3 *Untitled* by Charles T. Williams, 1964 (3rd floor)



4 *Margo Jones*, Raiberto Comini, c. 1947 (4th floor)

3rd Floor Humanities

On this floor:

Languages, Literature, Religion, & Philosophy
Journalism & Writing

Artwork

Morning News, Harry Marinsky (1979)
Untitled, Charles T. Williams (1964)

Check it out:

Write what's on your mind at the Poetry Pillar

4th Floor Fine Arts

On this floor:

Visual Arts, Music, & Performing Arts

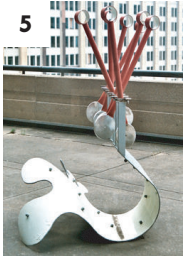
Artwork

Music Stand, Frank Lloyd Wright (1956)
The Book Family, Xavier Corbero (2000)
Margo Jones, Raiberto Comini (c. 1947)

Check it out:

Bradshaw Gallery (rotating exhibits)

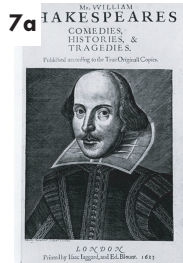
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5 Amoeba, Bruce Stillman, c. 1980 (5th floor)



6 Celestial Globes (6th floor)



7a Shakespeare's *First Folio*, 1623 (7th floor)



7b Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 (7th floor)



8 Hand-woven Navajo blankets, c. 1870s to 1890s (8th floor)

5th Floor Business & Technology

On this floor:

- Business Research (Books, Journals, and databases)
- "How to" guides for current technologies
- Cookbooks and DVDs
- International Trade, Standards and Specifications
- Car Repair Manuals
- Science and Medicine
- Oil & Gas Resource Center

Artwork

- Amoeba*, Bruce Stillman (c. late 1970s/early 1980s)
- History of Oil Exploration exhibit and photo gallery

6th Floor Government & Urban Information Center

On this floor:

- Grant Resources for Non-profits
- Community Information, Maps & Atlases
- Patents, Trademarks, and Copyright Information
- Civil Service test guides, Government Regulations

Artwork

- Flying Clouds*, Albert Lorey Groll (c. 1890)

Check it out:

- Look out the east windows for a view of the tallest Ferris wheel in North America

7th Floor Texas/Dallas History Fine Books

On this floor:

- Historic photographs, maps, & newspapers
- Manuscript Collections
- Historic books, county records, & oral histories
- JFK Collection

Artwork

- Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776)
- Shakespeare's *First Folio* (1623)
- Scene on the Brazos*, Frank Reaugh (1883)

Check it out:

- See a Dallas newspaper from the day you were born

8th Floor History & Social Sciences Genealogy

On this floor:

- Nationally acclaimed genealogy collection
- Free access to ancestry.com
- College Assistance Center
- Ethnic, Cultural & National Histories & Studies

Artwork

- Native American ceramic pottery (1890s to 1920s)
- Hand-woven Navajo blankets (c. 1870s to 1890s)

Check it out:

- Discover the history of your last name
- Learn the meaning of your first name