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Renovated children's wing in Romain Rolland library opened



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The children's wing in the renovated Romain Rolland library was thrown open to the public on Sunday.

The renovated library has 13 sections, including a Braille wing, browsing facility for members and a career guidance section.

The modernised library has about 4.02 lakh books, including works in French. Surveillance cameras, barcode scanner, printers and **e-granthalaya** have been provided.

The renovation was taken up at a cost of ₹2 crore. A wide variety of books pertaining to medicine, engineering, NET and SLET have been added to the library.

The children's wing has about 20,000 books in Tamil and English and 8,250 members. Children in the age group of 5 to 14 years can join as members after paying a nominal fee of ₹15. Members can borrow up to two books and keep them for 15 days.

The wing will remain open from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. during weekends and government holidays and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays.

The library, which opened in 1827, has an enviable rare collection, a large chunk of which are books by the French on India.