

**MEDIA ALERT
SINGAPORE**

Discover Manga Book Treasures Right Here At City Square Mall



[Photo credit: National Library Board]

Hear hear! Calling out to all the massive manga fans right here from **City Square Mall!** Whether you are an avid or a beginner look-see manga reader, you will be thrilled to know that an extensive variety of 5,000 much-loved manga books are now easily accessible in *National Library Board* (NLB)'s first pop-up *Manga Library* at **City Square Mall**.



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This is the first Grab-n-Go library to be launched in a shopping mall. The fully self-service Grab-n-Go manga library will be exclusively available at **City Square Mall** for a period of six months from **20 February 2023, at Level 4**.

Grab-n-Go Library at City Square Mall



NLB's Grab-n-Go library at **City Square Mall** aims to make borrowing books easier and more convenient with a seamless automated self-checkout service. The library is divided into two main sections, with books for borrowing or on-site reference. To name a few popular and well loved manga books with massive fan bases, Dragon Ball Z, Spy

Family and Cells At Work are available for borrowing. Apart from collections of comic books like Beyblade and Assassin's Creed at the reference section, exclusive mini collectibles of anime characters are also on display for fans to take a look-see.



Shoppers can now interact with a life-sized model of Mr Kiasu robot concierge by pressing and holding the e-button on the tablet and have their queries answered through voice recognition. The Mr Kiasu robot concierge

will also be able to recommend books with an AI-generated voice and provide basic instructions on the usage of Grab-n-Go. The Mr Kiasu robot concierge is specially innovated by NLB, in collaboration with Dex-Lab and one of the co-creators of Mr Kiasu, Johnny Lau. You can even get him to strike a pose for your selfies to mark your memorable visit!



[Photo credit: National Library Board]

Shoppers will have to simply scan their ID to enter the space, pick up to eight books of their choice that they want to borrow, head to the exit gantry and check out with their precious reads. This can all be done within a few minutes with exceptional ease!

The Singapore Collection @ City Square Mall



A showcase wall featuring local comics donated by local comic collectors. [Photo credit: National Library Board]

Aside from Manga, comic lovers can also look forward to some of the more familiar homegrown comic book series like Mr Kiasu: Everything Also Number One, The Bookworm Gang and much more at “The Singapore Collection”.



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This showcase of nostalgic local comics strives to shine the light on our very own rich local comic book culture which the younger generation may not be familiar with. Take this opportunity to browse through these local comic books which are incredibly difficult to come by these days at the Manga Library!

City Square Mall's continuous green efforts encourage its shoppers to adopt habits that are eco-friendly. Visit the first Manga Library at **City Square Mall, Level 4**, today!

About City Square Mall

With close to 200 retail, entertainment and lifestyle stores spread across 450,000 square feet, City Square Mall has every family's favourites including Cotton On, Daiso, Decathlon, Don Don Donki, Golden Village, MST Golf SuperStore, NTUC FairPrice, Toys“R”Us and Uniqlo, as well as over 50 food and beverage outlets, including Food Republic and Haidilao Hot Pot. The mall is a one-stop destination for everyone in the family with a convenient location above Farrer Park MRT Station (NE8), numerous amenities and facilities, including spacious corridors, nursing and family rooms, diaper-changing stations and offers complimentary use of its baby strollers, kiddy carts and wheelchairs.

A new water refill station has also recently been introduced – which provides point-of-use drinking water to shoppers, and is part of City Square Mall's efforts to advance the good habit of Bring-Your-Own-Bottle (BYOB) to reduce single-use plastic bottles. Offering the perfect ambience to shop and play amidst an eco-learning environment, City Square Mall is an ideal venue for 3-Generation (3G) families to interact and bond through its diverse retail mix to cater to the varied needs of families.

Consistently award-winning since its inception in the areas of family, retail and green leadership, City Square Mall is Singapore's first retail mall to be recognised and awarded with the BCA-MSF Universal Design Mark for Family-Friendly Business Platinum Award in 2018, and is awarded again in 2021, recognising its strong commitment to creating a family-friendly environment for shoppers. City Square Mall has also been awarded the BCA Green Mark Platinum award since 2007, showcasing the exemplary green projects. The mall is also the first retail space in Singapore to be bestowed with the top-tier Green Mark Pearl Prestige Award in 2018 for its strong commitment in achieving greater environmental sustainability. City Square Mall is owned and managed by City Developments Limited.

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