

Viclink Tour  
Great Public Libraries of the World  
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## **Denmark Photos**

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# The tour group

## **Nine from Victorian libraries:**

- Camille Cullinan - Swan Hill Library Service
- Beck Henshall - Frankston Library Service
- Chris Kelly - Brimbank Library Service
- Lynette Lewis - Yarra Plenty Regional Library
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- Alix Massina - State Library of Victoria
- John Murrell - West Gippsland Regional Library ...

- Debra Rosenfeldt - State Library of Victoria
- Karen Ward-Smith - Greater Dandenong Library Service

**Six others:**

- Mandy Gatliff - Frankston Council, Vic
- Sharan Harvey - Brisbane City Libraries, Qld
- Sharon Robertson - Brisbane City Libraries, Qld
- Jane Cowell - AEC Group, Qld
- Geoff Strempel - State Library of South Australia, SA
- Patricia Genat - Australian Library Supply, SA

## The itinerary – six countries and 20+ libraries in 20 days

### **Singapore:**

- National Library
- Library @ Esplanade
- Bishan Public Library

### **Finland:**

- Sello Public Library
- The Royal Library
- The Meeting Place
- Library 10

### **Sweden:**

- Comics Library
- Children's Library
- Youth Library
- International Library
- Kista Public Library
- Asplund Public Library
- Malmo Public Library ...

**Denmark:**

- The Black Diamond
- Vanlose Public Library
- The Smart City and its Libraries - Conference

**Hong Kong:**

- Ma On Shan Public Library
- City Hall Public Library
- Hong Kong Public Library

**The Netherlands:**

- Amsterdam Public Library
- DOK Library Concept Center – Delft

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# The Royal Library - Copenhagen



The Royal Library is Denmark's National Library and also the Copenhagen University Library. The original red brick library was opened in 1906. The first extension was added in 1968. In 1999 the second extension on the opposite side of the road was completed. This extension is called The Black Diamond. It houses the National Museum of Photography, the Museum of Danish Cartoon, a concert hall, conference rooms, a restaurant, a café and a bookshop. There are two walkways above the road which link the extensions on either side of the road. The lower walkway also houses the main information desk.



The majestic interior of The Black Diamond.





View from inside The Black Diamond across the Copenhagen waterfront.



The main information desk on the lower of the two walkways that link the extensions to the Royal Library.



Looking into a reading room in the first extension to the Royal Library. The reading rooms are all closed access.





A reading room in the original 1906 Royal Library building.



The front (or back?) view of Denmark's original Royal Library building (1906) and its gardens.

## Vanlose Library - Copenhagen



Opened in 2004, Vanlose Library is one of the newer branches of the Copenhagen Library Service. At 1,200 sq m it is of a size similar to many main branches in Victoria's public library network. Vanlose is a trendy inner urban area of Copenhagen. The Library is located on the first floor of a 'Culture House', which also includes a café, a community information area, and a range of community rooms that can be used for many purposes from hosting conferences to mothers group meetings. Its street presence is low key.





Vanlose Library has a magazine and newspaper room near the entrance to the library.



Vanlose Library's magazine and newspaper room features a magnificent painting (there are art works dotted throughout the library), incredibly stylish and comfortable swivel chairs, and a glass wall overlooking the street.





The view across Vanlose Library from the upper level staff work rooms. The blond wood and white paint work are both stylish and elegant. The red linoleum adds warmth to the space.



There is a spot in the Vanløse Library where local elected representatives, or candidates for election, can meet with constituents to discuss issues of concern.



The tubes of fluorescent lighting between the shelving bays give the book collection an inviting glow.



Display near the entry to Vanlose Library. Note the open spiral staircase between the library floor and the staff areas in Vanlose Library. There's also an elevator, essential for library customers wishing to access the meeting room on the upper level.





Much of the shelving in the children's area of Vanlose Library is on wheels so that the space can be easily reconfigured.



In addition to this eye-catching and comfortable furniture there's a puppet theatre in the children's area of Vanlose Library.







There are a couple of information desks like the one in this photo in Vanlose Library. They are functional, compact and unobtrusive and can be readily height adjusted for working at either standing up or sitting down.





As is the case in most Scandinavian public libraries, customers at Vanlose Library check-out their own library materials. There are several check-out stations like this one near the library's main entry/exit point.



One of the catalogues in Vanlose Library.



The courtyard between Vanlose Library and the community meeting facilities in the Culture House.

# Norrebro Library - Copenhagen



Norrebro Library is one of Copenhagen's older public libraries and is accommodated in an old warehouse. The area served is inner urban and disadvantaged. A significant part of the population are recent immigrants to Denmark. Norrebro Library is well regarded for its many outreach programs.





Inside Norrebro Library. The staff work area is actually on the library floor.



There's lots of art work in Norrebro Library.





