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Tilane is Paderno Dugnano's public library and cultural centre. It opened in May 2009 as the result of an urban recovery plan begun in 2006. Its architectural project was curated by Gae Aulenti, with the objective of redeveloping a former industrial zone, transforming it into a hybrid and multifunctional public space.

The Project

The name "Tilane" alludes to the building that previously occupied the area: a textile factory in disrepair that could not be recovered. Gae Aulenti wanted to reference these origins by adding architectural elements to the new building, starting with the planimetry: an elongated façade runs parallel to the rail tracks, and the ceilings with different heights and extensive windows allow for a great influx of light.

The building is made of reinforced concrete coated by full bricks and it covers a total of 4000 m², divided among two floors (plus a basement). The red bricks and the slim pyramidal skylights, which break the straight lines of the roof, are additional reminders of the previous factory building.

The project had a great impact on the urban environment thanks to the synergy among the library/cultural centre, the neighbouring square, and the covered walkway which delineates its irregular perimeter.

The library itself covers 2500 m², it houses 45.000 volumes and 200 seats. The remaining space is organized according to a multifunctional principle: it includes an auditorium, classrooms, performance spaces, labs, computer stations with internet access, spaces for children and teenagers.

Our Services

The Library

Tilane's core aim is to offer a welcoming and dynamic public space, where culture and information intertwine with the growing social relationships inside the community. Because of this Tilane is continuously evolving, since it aspires to satisfy – through its services and its cultural offer – its community's needs.

The library catalogue includes books, newspapers, magazines, comics, DVDs, CDs, videogames and tabletop games, and it is constantly updated by the librarians, who work hard to keep up with the publishing industry and with today's cultural demand.

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Tilane is part of CSBNO network, along with 60 other libraries in the north-west area of Milan. This allows each patron to access services and materials from any library in the network, considerably expanding the amount of documents on offer and the options at every patron's disposal.

Tilane Kids

The space designed for children offers a broad choice of materials (books, films, audiobooks, comics, games...), covering different genres, languages and target ages. Our Kids Room is outfitted with tables and chairs suitable for children aged 0-10 and offers computer stations where they can study, read, or play. However, Tilane Kids is much more: readings, shows, school tours and themed workshops are also part of our cultural offer.

Study Room

There is a quiet study room inside the library, reserved for those students or readers who would prefer to conduct their activities in a quiet space perfect for individual studying.

Gaming zone

The gaming zone is a space where everyone can come and play or have fun with various tabletop games suitable for children aged 3+, teenagers, and adults. Patrons can play in this space or borrow the games to play at home. There are over 100 games of every type to choose from in the catalogue. Once a month we host themed game nights during which attendees can meet and play together.

Computers and internet access

Tilane offers several computer stations with free Wi-Fi access for registered patrons, in addition to a printing and black and white photocopying service (for a fee).

Book clubs

There are two different book clubs meeting once a month to discuss their readings: "Finché il caffè è caldo" meets on Monday mornings and "Parole Rampanti" on Tuesday evenings. Anyone can attend either or both meetings for free.

This past year we also introduced "Passengers", a book club reserved for teenagers, with meetings once a month on Wednesday afternoons.

The piano

There are two pianos in the library that patrons can freely play while wearing headphones, other than at certain times when they can be played out loud.

Events

Tilane is a dynamic space: we have a rich event schedule ranging from music to theatre, from open air activities to lectures, from readings to exhibits, and much more. Visit our website www.tilane.it to get to know us better and to keep up with our new ventures.

Continuing education courses

We host several courses, organised in collaboration with CSBNO, either in our classrooms or online. Languages, computer science, arts, creativity, hobbies, there's always something new to learn.

Digital Fab

The Digital Fab hosts coding, graphics and 3D printing lessons, available to students of every level and age, including a continuing workshop on coding and game design for children aged 8-12.