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Nouveau for croissants to popular Hawaiian spot Marination Ma Kai for kimchi fried rice and a glorious view of Elliott Bay. And after all that eating, you can burn some of those calories digging for local music finds at Easy Street Records (Best Record Store) or taking in nature at the verdant Schmitz Preserve Park, a maze of felled tree trunks, moss, lush low-hanging branches, and beaten paths.

But maybe the best aspect of expansive West Seattle is strolling on the honest-to-goodness sandy beaches along Alki (Best Beach and Best View), perhaps popping in for a cone at Homefront Smoothies & Ice Cream or even summoning the gump-tion to get your feet wet in the waves. You may ask yourself, "Wait, am I still in Seattle?" before remembering "It's not Seattle. It's West Seattle! It's different here." | JU #2 Ballard | #3 Capitol Hill

BEST BUILDING

Seattle Central Library



Seattle Central Library. Photo courtesy The Seattle Public Library

Sure, you love the Seattle Public Library—but what do you love *about* the library? Take *Seattle Weekly's Best of the Seattle Public Library Readers' Poll 2018!* Check all that apply:

- The accessible main-floor "living room."
- The get-away-from-it-all 10th-floor reading room.
- The Microsoft Auditorium and its lectures and performances.
- The sharp angles of the architectural design.
- The art exhibits.
- The children's book room.
- The diamond "netting" all over

the outside.

- The 10th-floor overlook spot around the corner from the elevators.
- The elevators.
- The Dewey Decimal numbers in the floor.
- All the chartreuse.
- That super-creepy faces-on-eggs video installation in the escalator (aka *Braincast* by Tony Oursler).
- The Chocolati stand.
- You people are nuts—MoPOP is Seattle's best building!
- Other

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#2 Smith Tower | #3 St. James Cathedral