



## **Saint Paul Public Library Budget Updates**

### **2010 Budget**

Due to the reduction in Local Government Aid to the City of Saint Paul, the Saint Paul Public Library has been asked to reduce its 2010 operating budget by \$889,240, which is 4.8 percent. In August, 2009, Mayor Chris Coleman proposed a 6.7 percent reduction in the library's 2010 budget and since then, the Library Board secured an additional \$350,000 to add to the Library's operating budget. Although the library hours will be reduced, the additional funding provides 10.5 more open hours per week, and 6.2 staff over the Mayor's initial budget proposal.

### **Library Service Guiding Principles to Continue Serving the Community Daily**

#### **Accessibility: Open Hours**

In late January 2010, the Saint Paul Public Library is expected to be open to the public approximately 691.5 hours a week throughout the system. The Bookmobile and the four largest libraries, Central Library, Highland Park, Rondo Community Outreach, Sun Ray, will have no changes in their hours. Other libraries except Rice Street and West Seventh will have reduced hours. Saint Paul residents will have access to an open library seven days a week in both the mornings and evenings. In 2009, the Library was open 730 hours per week.

#### **Supporting Economic Opportunity**

The Saint Paul Public Library will structure its open hours to provide the most possible access to computers and classes, homework centers, and job and career resources.

#### **Creating a Path to Success for Every Child**

Morning hours will continue to provide early literacy opportunities for residents, including story times and summer reading programs. The Saint Paul Public Library is an integral part of Mayor Coleman's Ready for School, Ready for Life initiative. Research shows the earlier and more often adults read to children, the better prepared they are to learn when they enter school.

#### **Supporting School Success**

Although the Saint Paul Public Library's Homework Centers will be open fewer hours, Homework Centers at Rice Street Library and Dayton's Bluff Library will be open on Sundays. Additionally, the Library is looking into the best approach to offer more access to the Homework Centers' computer labs. The Library will continue its college and career access activities in partnership with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department.

#### **Connecting the Community to Print and Digital Materials**

The collection budget will be reduced by 15 percent. The collection development staff will continue to select materials in all formats to respond to customer demand.

With the help of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant, the library will add 52 computers to a several libraries in the next two years to help provide free, high-quality access to digital resources. Over the last two years, libraries have seen a 68-percent increase in users of library computers.



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**Exploring New Revenue Sources**

The Saint Paul Public Library continues to explore ways to increase revenues and to reduce its operating costs. For example, mailing costs have been reduced by sending out fewer notices, DVD rentals are being explored, and foundation funding is being aggressively pursued for technology and literacy initiatives.

**Questions & Comments**

If you have questions or comments about the Saint Paul Public Library, please contact Kit Hadley, Library Director, by calling 651-266-7070, or by email at [Kit.Hadley@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Kit.Hadley@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

**Library Hour Schedule:**

Current Hours	AR, HA, RV	DB	HH	ME	SA	RC	BK	W7	HI, RD, SR	Central
Monday	12:30--9	10--8	12:30--9	12:30--9	10--9	12:30--9	varies	1--8	10--9	11:30--8
Tuesday	10--9	10--8	10--9	10--9	10--9	10--9	by	1--5:30	10--9	9--5:30
Wednesday	12:30--9	10--8	12:30--9	12:30--9	10--9	12:30--9	location	10--5:30	10--9	9--5:30
Thursday	12:30--9	10--8	12:30--9	12:30--9	10--9	12:30--9		1--8	10--9	9--5:30
Friday	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:50		10--5:30	10--5:30	9--5:30
Saturday	10--5:30	11--4	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30		Closed	10--5:30	11--4
Sunday	Closed	Closed	Closed	1--5	1--5	Closed		Closed	1--5	1--5
Hrs Per Wk	51.5	52.5	51.5	55.5	63	51.5	32	33.5	63	51.5

Proposed Hours	AR, HA, RV	DB	HH, ME, SA	RC	BK	W7	HI, RD, SR	Central
Monday	12--8	12--8	12--8	12--8	varies	12:30--8	10--9	12--8
Tuesday	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--8	10--8	by	11:30--5:30	10--9	9:30--5:30
Wednesday	12--8	12--8	12--8	12--8	location	10--5:30	10--9	9:30--5:30
Thursday	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30		12:30--8	10--9	9:30--5:30
Friday	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30		10--5:30	10--5:30	9:30--5:30
Saturday	11--5:30	11--5:30	10--5:30	10--5:30		Closed	10--5:30	9:30--5:30
Sunday	Closed	1--5	Closed	1--5		Closed	1--5	1--5
Hrs Per Wk	45	49	48.5	52.5	32	36.5	63	52

AR= Arlington Hills  
HA=Hamline Midway  
RV=Riverview  
ME= Merriam Park

DB=Dayton's Bluff  
HH=Hayden Heights  
SA=St. Anthony Park  
RD= Rondo Community Outreach

RC=Rice Street  
BK=Bookmobile  
W7=West Seventh

HI=Highland Park  
SR= Sun Ray  
Central Library