

RONDO COMMUNITY OUTREACH LIBRARY

461 Dale Street N., Saint Paul, MN 55103

At a Glance: 2008

Built-remodeled	2006
Square Ft	31,343
Hours/week	63
Days/open/week	Seven
Materials budget	142,347
Collection Size	101,626
Books:	
Adult	45,887
Juvenile	40,014
Total Circulation	227,693
Juvenile	96,327 (42%)
Adult	131,366 (58%)
Circulation/FTE	14,931
Total Information	66,014
Information/Ref FTE	4,329
In-House materials use	36,244
FTE's Public Service	15.25
Gate Count	407,485

Computer Workstations (Public) 70: Internet workstations: 23; Business reference with Internet: 2; Assistive technology workstation with Internet and word processing: 1; Catalog workstations: 6; Children's workstations: 8; Jobview: 1; Homework Center computers with Internet and word processing: 18; Electronic classroom computers with Internet and word processing: 13
Lounge chairs: 37; Study tables: 19 with 68 chairs; Study carrels: 0

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Rondo Community Outreach Library serves a richly diverse population of approximately 36,000 residents with a collection of approximately 90,000 catalogued items in a 31,343 square foot building. The most prominent age group based on 2008 population projection is Age 5 to 14 which make up 18.6% of the total population. The least represented age group is 75+ years which makes up 4.7% of the population. In 2008, the predominant household income category in the Rondo area is \$50, 000-\$75,000.

Located at the Dale Street and University Avenue Intersection, the library serves many persons from the African American, Cambodian, Hmong, Somali, Oromo, Ethiopian, Lao, Vietnamese, Russian and Spanish speaking communities as well as American Indian and Caucasian residents. Rondo Community Outreach Library partners with its neighbors, LifeTrack Resources, the Ronald L. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning, the Hmong Cultural Center, the Vietnam Center, Neighborhood Development Center, Minnesota Literacy Council and other members of the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium who offer ESL and Adult Basic Education classes to the public.

This Library plays a leading role in Outreach efforts system wide. Emphasis areas are:

- The SWAMP, (the School Work and Mentoring Place), the Homework Center providing help to students of all ages.
- The Business Resource Center, a collection of print, non-print and electronic resources to support the needs of persons starting a small business. The Neighborhood Development Center and Goodwill Easter Seals partner with the Rondo Library to provide weekly business consultation and career counseling.
- Regular classes in the Electronic Classroom offering diverse courses such as resume writing, word processing, Internet searching, and emailing. Workforce classes include job searches, workshops on starting a business and how to obtain business loans, and foreclosure counseling workshops.
- Service to Seniors through Senior Internet training and other partnerships with agencies serving seniors.
- Services to Children include 5 story time in English and 1 Hmong Bilingual story time.

St. Paul Public Library's largest collections of GED, English as a Second Language, Citizenship Study Materials, and World Languages are located at Rondo. The branch features both Black History/Culture and South-East Asian History/Culture collections, as well as a diverse collection reflecting the St. Paul community.