

## **SUN RAY BRANCH LIBRARY**

2105 Wilson Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55119

### **At a Glance: 2008**

Built-Remodeled	<b>1970-1985-2000</b>
Square Ft	<b>12,098</b>
Hours/week*	<b>63</b>
Days/open/week	<b>Seven</b>
Materials Budget	<b>\$134,071</b>
Collection Size	<b>77,968</b>
Material:	
Adult	<b>36,225</b>
Juvenile	<b>30,658</b>
Total Circulation	<b>264,371</b>
Adult	<b>150,356 (59%)</b>
Juvenile	<b>105,770 (41%)</b>
Circulation/FTE	<b>25,110</b>
Total Information	<b>30,758</b>
Information/Ref FTE	<b>5,859</b>
FTEs Public Service*	<b>10.2</b>
Gate Count	<b>241,040</b>

Computer Workstations (Public) 33; Internet Workstations: 15; Word Processors: 2; Catalog Workstations: 5; Children's Workstations: 1; Homework Center: 4; Job Resource Center: 6.

Lounge chairs: 5; Study tables: 9 with 30 chairs.

### **SERVICE PROFILE:**

The Sun Ray Branch, Saint Paul's easternmost library, was built in 1970 and remodeled in 1985. In 2000, the agency was completely recarpeted and repainted, and an addition to the building was created to house the Materials Management Agency, bringing the total square footage for the entire building from 12,098 to 20,015. The library is located one block north of the Sun Ray Shopping Center, across the park from the Conway Recreation Center, and houses a collection of approximately 78,000 items in both print and nonprint.

Sun Ray's service population, consisting primarily of St. Paul's Planning District 1, is diverse and includes African Americans, Southeast Asians, Latinos, as well as immigrant populations from Southeast Asia and Africa. Residents from Washington and Ramsey Counties also use Sun Ray, and a large number of Sun Ray service area residents use the suburban systems. Books on cassette, compact discs, DVDs, VHS videos and graphic novels are all in demand at the agency. And, of course, access to the Internet adds to the agency's appeal for patrons both young and old.

Sun Ray works with teachers to augment student curricula by hosting class visits from local schools during the school year and collecting books for teachers to use in their classrooms. In 2003, the Sun SPOT (Study Place Offering Tutoring) Homework Center opened and is available to students Sunday through Thursday afternoons.

For younger children and child-care providers, a toddler storytime and Play and Learn are offered on a weekly basis throughout the year. Summer Reading Program is also offered each year, with weekly performances and prizes awarded for reading achievement for children and teens. Wii and Xbox video game afternoons are held one Saturday each month, as is an Eco-Art workshop.

The Job Resource Center provides free access to computer workstations with Internet access reserved just for job seekers. The East Side Book Club meets at the Sun Ray Library once each month and Sun Ray staff offer introductory computer, Internet and email classes on a bimonthly schedule. Free GED, ESL and Accuplacer classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings year round.