

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY

265 Oneida Street, St Paul, Mn 55102

At a glance: 2008

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| Built-remodeled | Opened 1984 |
| Square ft | 783 |
| Hours/week | 33.5 |
| Days/open/week | 5 |
| Materials budget | \$30,685 |
| Collection size | 14,784 |
| Books: | |
| Adult | 4,620 |
| Juvenile | 8,153 |
| Total Circulation | 49,784 |
| Adult | 30,309 (61%) |
| Juvenile | 19,475 (39%) |
| Circulation/FTE | 38,295 |
| Total Information | 4,992 |
| Information/Ref FTE | 3,840 |
| In-House Materials Use | - |
| FTEs Public Service | 1.3 |
| Gate Count | 40,817 |

Computer Workstations (Public)2: Gates computers equipped with internet access, Word processing and Catalog access.

Chairs: 2; Study tables: 1 with chair; Study carrels: 0

SERVICE PROFILE:

The West Seventh Branch Library is located within the West Seventh Community Center. It serves a diverse neighborhood of families, seniors, students and teachers along the West End area of St Paul. Its primary use is for recreational readers and browsing. Several neighborhood elementary and special education schools, teachers and students frequently visit the library and use the collection. Materials are gathered on a routine basis from other libraries in the system for these teachers and students to supplement their informational needs.

The adult collection can be considered to be one of new releases, best-sellers and popular titles in paperback. Selected central location non-fiction titles are purchased. Collections of books on cassette, books on CD, DVDs, and video tapes are also available. The entire collection of West Seventh Library items are non-holdable.

The West Seventh Branch Library presents weekly preschool story times, referral services, children's Summer Reading Program activities and outreach efforts to neighborhood groups, recreational centers, daycare providers and nearby public schools and private schools. Special programs are also held in conjunction with events provided by the community center and the neighborhood.

The library proves to be a popular gathering place for the community and visitors to the center even though space is limited. Internet and online services have been added to expand the collection. The library's collection is maintained through the help of an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers.