

## **CENTRAL LIBRARY**

90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

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

Built-Remodeled	<b>1917-1949-1985- 2002</b>
Square Ft	<b>90,353</b>
Hours/week*	<b>51.5</b>
Days/open/week	<b>Seven</b>
Materials Budget	<b>\$253,110</b>
Collection Size	<b>401,023</b> <b>(Plus 258,259 government docs)</b>
Material:	
Adult	<b>311,350</b>
Juvenile	<b>72,148</b>
Total Circulation	<b>283,973</b>
Adult	<b>194,517 (68%)</b>
Juvenile	<b>89,456 (32%)</b>
Circulation/FTE	<b>8,987</b>
Total Information	<b>88,894</b>
Information/Ref FTE	<b>5,022</b>
FTEs Public Service*	<b>31.6</b>
Gate Count	<b>301,358</b>

Computer Workstations (Public) 63: Internet: 23; Word processors: 3; Catalog workstations: 31; Children's workstations: 3; Jobview: 1; Assistive technology workstation: 1; Others: 1

Lounge chairs: 7; Study tables: 13 with 63 chairs; Study carrels: 2; Preschool children's tables: 5 with 19 preschool children's chairs; children's lounge chairs: 6

\*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

### **SERVICE PROFILE:**

The Central Library serves the entire city of Saint Paul as well as the growing downtown population. Located on Rice Park between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Kellogg Boulevard, the Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is noted for its many architectural features.

The Central Library houses the largest collection of library materials in the library system and serves as an important resource to those who use the library directly and to branch libraries throughout the city. In addition to the extensive general collection, the Central Library also houses several special collections. The Saint Paul Collection includes material about the history of the City of Saint Paul such as city documents, maps, annual reports, high school yearbooks

and Winter Carnival history. An extensive music collection includes musical scores and sheet music as well as a comprehensive index. The Central Library is also a designated Federal Depository Library and houses federal government documents.

The Youth Services area, the home of the historic Jemne puppet theater, serves as a gathering place for children and families to enjoy story times and special performances. The extensive collection of children's and young adults' materials is used by children and youth, teachers and parents throughout the community.