

**MERRIAM PARK BRANCH LIBRARY**  
1831 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

**At a Glance: 2008**

Built-Remodeled	<b>1993</b>
Square Ft	<b>16,923</b>
Hours/week*	<b>55.5</b>
Days/open/week	<b>Seven</b>
Materials Budget	<b>\$144,174</b>
Collection Size	<b>85,910</b>
Material:	
Adult	<b>39,006</b>
Juvenile	<b>30,861</b>
Total Circulation	<b>398,866</b>
Adult	<b>258,467 (65%)</b>
Juvenile	<b>140,399 (35%)</b>
Circulation/FTE	<b>32,167</b>
Total Information	<b>48,802</b>
Information/Ref FTE	<b>11,620</b>
FTEs Public Service*	<b>12.4</b>
Gate Count	<b>241,327</b>

Computer Workstations (Public) 21; Internet workstations: 12; Word processors: 1;  
Catalog workstations: 8; Children's workstations: 1

Lounge chairs: 17; Study tables: 12 with 32 chairs; Study carrels: 5; Study rooms: 4 with  
8 chairs

\*Subject to change in January 2010

**SERVICE PROFILE:**

The Merriam Park Branch lies in a middle-class neighborhood with a median income of \$54,000. The neighborhood is centrally located with quick access to the entire metropolitan area. Our core population is approximately 28,000 though we draw from a broader and more diverse user base due to our location on Marshall Avenue, a major connecting artery between Minneapolis and St. Paul. This central location has caused our facilities and resources to be heavily used by library patrons and organizations throughout the Twin Cities.

The original structure was replaced with a new, larger building in April of 1993. The collection size is approximately 86,000 items. Circulation ranks second highest among the branches. Internet access is available via library computers and wifi connections.

The branch collection is designed to meet the needs of the general population, with a special emphasis on the informational needs of K-12 students. The branch is surrounded by a number of colleges and universities, including Concordia, Macalester, Hamline, St. Thomas and St. Catherine's. The area also includes Central High School, Ramsey Junior High, one private and one public elementary school, and five charter schools, including one for Somali students, one

for girls only, and one with a German language focus.

The branch is located across the street from Charles Thompson Hall, the metro area deaf social club. Merriam Park library houses a special Deaf and Hard of Hearing collection that is available for circulation. There is also a special focus on collecting materials on bungalow style homes, which is supported, in part, by the local Bungalow Club.