

Free car repair information

St. Paul Public Library's Hayden Heights Branch has a great collection of automotive information including:

Books and Manuals

** denotes items that may only be used in the library—photocopier available, 15 cents per copy. Other items may be checked out for 3 weeks.*

National Service Data Manuals*

forerunner of Mitchell's (*q.v.*) ; domestic automobiles 1927–1977

Mitchell's Manuals*

Domestic and imported automobiles and trucks, 1977 to present supplanted/continued by Mitchell's OnDemand CD-ROM (*q.v.*)

Motor Auto Repair Manuals (*both reference and circulating*)

vintage car editions 1935-1953 & 1953-1961, and 1976-present as individual manuals

American (i.e. domestic) Shop Manuals*

start dates vary with maker, as early as 1902, but on the average from the mid-1950's to the late 1990's

Wiring Diagrams*

(companion volumes to shop manuals above)
primarily 1970's to 1990's

Hollander Interchange Manuals*

(parts compatibility and engine identification codes)
1977 to present

Chilton's Manuals (*both reference and circulating*)

Several series covering domestic automobiles, imported automobiles, and pick-up trucks, with volumes roughly by decade from 1940 to 1980 and then nearly annually from 1980 to present

Haynes Automotive Repair and Chilton's Total Car Care Manuals

domestic and imported automobiles, vans, and pick-up trucks, with coverage varying for specific makes and years

How-to books on customizing, upholstery, bodywork and more

Histories of car makers, pictorial works and "spotter's guides"

Motorcycle Repair Manuals

(Haynes, Chilton's, Clymer and others)

various makes and years covered, both domestic and imported

Online/computer resources

AllData Online database

(accessible from public catalog terminals)

Provides detailed repair and service information for domestic and imported automobiles, vans, and pick-up trucks from 1982 to the present, as well as wiring diagrams and technical bulletins.

Make printouts for 10 cents per page)

Mitchell's OnDemand CD-ROM station

provides detailed repair and service information, including wiring diagrams and technical service bulletins, on both domestic and foreign models of automobiles, vans, and trucks from 1983 to the present.

similar to All Data (*q.v.*), although often with additional coverage
(as of last year, only one other public library in the Twin Cities was known to have this service)

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Hayden Heights also serves as the system's depository for repair information, housing thousands of wiring schematics for radios (some from nearly a century ago), televisions, and other electronic devices, as well as many repair guides and service manuals for household appliances, outboard motors, lawn mowers, and other power tools. A modest assortment of service manuals for farm tractors completes the collection.

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