

Library Facts & Figures
SPPL by the Numbers

Public Service

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁵	2011	2012	2013	2014 ⁸	2015	2016	2017	2018
Items in our collection	1,041,284	1,088,824	1,012,824	1,133,528	1,144,567	1,158,603	1,149,081	1,052,784	1,049,883	1,000,219	1,036,866	1,026,400	1,092,174	1,129,516	1,138,783	1,152,064	1,070,988
Items loaned	2,692,526	3,054,506	3,223,183	3,322,958	3,399,794	3,370,320	3,325,107	3,442,777	3,153,093	2,958,656	2,866,183	2,840,868	2,608,100	2,976,976	2,825,326	2,612,350	2,517,769
Library agencies	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14 ⁶	14
Hours open weekly system-wide	675	683	723	730	730	730	730	735.5	693	693	659	659	674	712	712	712	712
Full-time equivalent staff	179.6	175.3	185	179.8	189.3	180	180.1	185.4	166.8	166.9	162.1	164.7	166.0	175.1	174.5	175.9	177.1
Public access computers	na	213	250	259	298	312	314	354	392	444	443	445	490	552	567	569	574
Users of library computers	228,874	287,149	327,166	353,416	384,499	623,482	958,882	807,476	413,920 ⁴	379,067	360,280	319,629	272,384	284,785	312,360	298,033	294,321
Visitors system-wide - in person	1,909,327	2,027,073	2,254,335	2,330,830	2,523,234	2,848,372	2,849,844	2,916,759	2,629,960	2,437,261	2,320,163	2,111,479	1,951,938	2,160,591	2,226,416	2,035,660	2,040,562
Web site visits	na	739,471	875,959	862,490	1,061,571	1,331,667	1,607,919	1,904,892	1,767,801	1,668,683	1,555,409	1,581,393	1,457,775	1,481,974	1,379,835	1,253,659	1,990,734
Visitors - Mobile App	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	259,645	885,583	1,227,410	1,595,936	2,046,288	1,895,481	1,844,500	1,971,203
Visitors - Total (In person, Web site, Mobile app)	1,909,327	2,766,544	3,130,294	3,193,320	3,584,805	4,180,039	4,457,763	4,821,651	4,397,761	4,365,589	4,761,155	4,920,282	5,005,649	5,688,853	5,501,732	5,133,819	6,002,499
Programs for children and teens	1,945	2,281	2,005	2,127	2,169	2,624	2,580	2,898	2,379	2,545	3,908	4,248	4,646	4,701	5,337	4,832	3,324
Attendance at programs for children and teens	66,068	67,509	67,976	72,910	72,211	74,842	75,329	91,828	78,468	55,197	92,640	86,779	100,800	109,637	118,082	114,230	74,818

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ⁵	2011	2012	2013	2014 ⁸	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Wireless Sessions	na	na	na	na	na	24,889	41,920	68,452	41,074 (est.)	na	na	412,034 ⁷	na	1,491,054	1,553,976 ⁷	251,621	220,141
Number of Card Holders	na	na	na	na	na	178,930	316,687	319,131	324,475	310,424	321,033	342,844	290,358	312,570	360,047	348,178	315,530
Number of Card Holders checking out items in year	na	na	na	na	na	93,067	88,569	121,560	85,982	91,559	91,508	85,752	76,324	79,624	76,326	73,632	93,209
Homework Center student visits ¹	1,630	5,292	7,243	13,255	17,789	21,348	16,528	19,145	18,421	19,192	17,033	15,518	14,014	15,113	16,686	18,448	13,166
Summer Reading Program readers ²	na	na	na	na	na	2,651	2,809	3,196	4,280	3,915	4,345	4,066	3,790	4,168	4,112	3,567	
Attendance at Summer Reading programs	22,486	18,978	18,765	15,558	12,591	13,466	11,500	12,444	10,651	9,168	13,699	11,123	12,810	11,293	8,155	6,703	
Programs for adults	2,072	1,899	2,449	2,173	580 ³	1,181	981	1,436	1,622	2,103	2,938	2,252	2,354	2,327	2,345	2,185	2,494
Attendance at programs for adults	37,015	35,761	41,801	37,454	8,462	18,822	31,222	20,132	22,267	22,662	33,066	24,230	27,482	27,086	31,163	27,623	26,465
Information inquiries to staff	402,610	459,524	493,116	na	436,800	448,422	482,118	403,539	484,487	468,334	435,719	387,677	381,647	346,193	301,013	290,751	170,185

¹After 2002, Homework Center statistics reported on the basis of the school-year calendar, ("2003" represents the 2002-2003 school year.) Homework Centers are located at Arlington, Dayton's Bluff, Rice Street, Riverview, Rondo and Sun Ray.

²Children who read for ten or more hours; and, teens who reached summer reading goals.

³Definition of "programs for adults" refined and narrowed by state and federal authorities who collect library statistics.

⁴System used to account for users of library computers changed in 2010. 2010 figures are not comparable with figures from previous years.

⁵Summary - Changes in 2010:

In 2010, the Saint Paul Public Library experienced a budget reduction that impacted open hours and staff. As a result, the Library reduced its hours by 6% and full-time equivalent staff by 10%.

Library usage has been affected. In 2010, there was a decrease in visitors and circulation.

The West Seventh Library was closed and renovated from January to April 2010.

Saint Anthony Park and Merriam Park Libraries lost Sunday hours. Dayton's Bluff and Rice Street Libraries gained Sunday hours to support Homework Centers.

⁶Library partnered with the Debra S. Fish library of the Think Small organization. Fish Library materials circulate around the state through the Saint Paul Public Library.

⁷A new Wi-Fi network was installed in 2013 and again in 2016. Annual figures are not comparable with figures from previous years.

⁸Changes in 2014:

Capital projects in 2014 impacted library use.

Sun Ray Library was closed and renovated from January 1 to November 8, 2014.

Highland Park Library was closed and renovated from January 1 to November 16, 2014.

Arlington Hills Library was closed during relocation from March 15 to May 22, 2014.

Merriam Park and Hayden Heights Libraries gained 13 hours per week from January 1 to September 1, 2014.

Operating Budget*

	2002¹	2003	2004²	2005³	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Operating	\$12,408,804	\$12,790,432	\$13,783,010	\$14,523,374	\$14,647,444	\$15,317,922	\$15,888,415	\$16,555,985	\$16,048,099	\$16,769,225	\$16,518,755	\$16,799,618	\$16,580,057	\$18,259,299	\$18,401,696	\$19,107,169	\$ 19,965,293

¹Increase reflects funding for new collection for new Rice Street Branch

²Increase reflects creation of library agency and assumption of Central Service and IS charges. Dayton's Bluff Branch opened in last quarter of 2004.

³Increase reflects Rondo start-up costs.

⁴General Fund. Debt service not included.