

DAYTON'S BLUFF BRANCH LIBRARY
645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

At a Glance: 2008

Built-Remodeled	2004
Square Ft	6,734
Hours/week*	52.5
Days/open/week	Six
Materials Budget	\$64,320
Collection Size	39,360
Material:	
Adult	12,003
Juvenile	18,205
Total Circulation	119,326
Adult	57,180 (48%)
Juvenile	62,146 (52%)
Circulation/FTE	20,225
Reference Transactions	18,590
Ref Trans/Ref FTE (3.5)	5,311
FTEs Public Service*	5.9
Gate Count	171,991

Computer Workstations (Public) 17: Internet / Word processor / Excel / PowerPoint: 12,
Catalog workstations: 4, Children's workstation: 1, Homework Center workstations: 6.

Lounge chairs: 8; Couches: 2; Study tables: 10 with 26 chairs; Study carrels: 0

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

SERVICE PROFILE:

The Dayton's Bluff Branch Library opened in winter, 2004 in a beautiful new facility (the Community Library and Information Access Center) shared with the Metropolitan State University Library.

The neighborhoods served are primarily the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood on the near East Side, the Railroad Island neighborhood on the opposite side of Swede Hollow Park, and parts of downtown St. Paul. The library also serves patrons from across the Twin Cities area who are employed and/or take classes at Metropolitan State University.

The Dayton's Bluff neighborhood had an estimated 2008 population of 14,608. It has struggled with complex issues of aging, economic divestment, and cultural change, but has many active community organizations and a beautiful location overlooking downtown St. Paul and the river basin. Some key points:

- The neighborhood remains diverse. From the 2008 census population estimates: whites, 56%; Asians, 18%; Blacks, 17%; Latinos, 13%; American Indians, 1%; and 4% were multi-racial.
- The median age of the population in this area was 31.8 compared to the U.S. median age which was 36.9.
- The most prominent age group in the neighborhood is age 5 to 14.
- Adults in the 55 to 64 age range increased by 3.4% since the 2000 census.

With Metropolitan State University offering community members the opportunity to use its facilities, the Dayton's Bluff branch can focus on serving youth and families. It is the first branch with a purpose-built homework center.

Our two institutions are working together to make the joint facility a hub for the neighborhood. In just a short space of time, area residents have come to rely on us for their information and recreation needs.

In 2009, thanks to AmeriCorps special funding, Dayton's Bluff will open a small workforce center where the public may attend free job-searching and computer classes, and receive assistance preparing resumes.