



Riverview Library / West Side

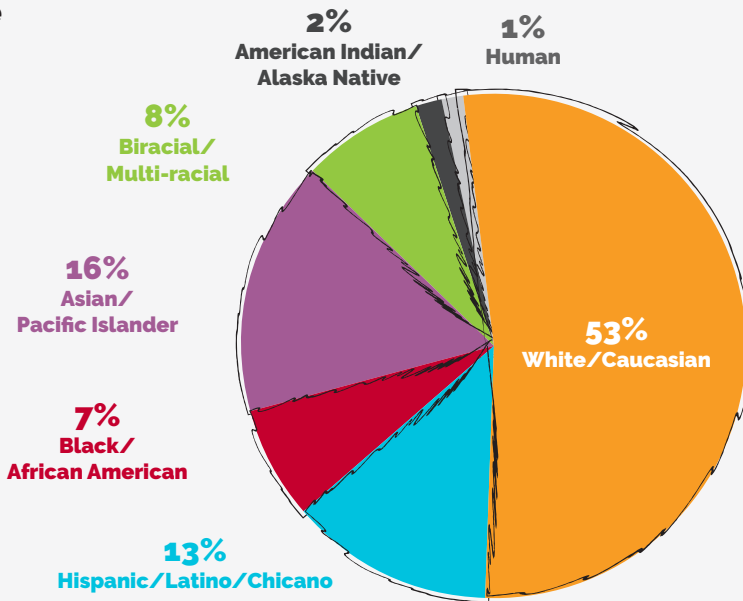


Community Survey Results (2018)

169

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

By Race



Languages spoken at home:

English

Español

Spanish

Somaliga

Somali

Hmoob

Hmong

Svenska

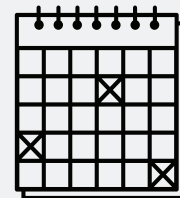
Swedish

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Karen



West Side community members and Riverview staff sorted through 1,564 pieces of data generated by the survey to find themes.



Key insight

Most participants are able to attend library programs on **afternoons and evenings on weeknights and on Saturdays.**

Community Survey Results (2018)

Key Themes

What are your personal goals, dreams, or wishes?

- Cultivate neighborhood strength and connection to one another
- Complete formal education
- Create a career
- Raise a happy, healthy family
- Health and wellness
- Travel

What skills or knowledge do you want to have?

- Home Repair and DIY
- Local (West Side) History
- Language Learning (especially Spanish and English)
- Cooking
- Creative Hobbies (examples: fine arts, crafts, creative collectives i.e. knitting circles)
- Health and wellness
- Sustainable living
- Community organizing and advocacy
- Computer (programs and basic skills)

What would help you live your life in your community more easily?

- Access to healthy food/grocery store
- Increased neighborhood strength and connection to one another
- Walkability
- Better public transportation
- Learning another language
- Access to technology/internet

Is there anything else you would like to add?

- Desire to see Riverview expand both space and collection
- Many thanks to Riverview staff and Saint Paul Public Library love
- Identified a need to market programs and classes more effectively
- Program & Collection suggestions
- General West Side neighborhood improvement ideas

What do you need in order to achieve these goals, dreams, and wishes?

- Self discipline
- Health or motivation to get healthy
- Physical space to access learning resources
- More formal education
- Financial literacy
- Career literacy
- More money
- More time

If you could take a free class on any topic, what would it be?

- Local (West Side) History/History in general
- Language learning
- Cooking
- Science
- Health and wellness
- Social Justice
- Gardening
- Book Club
- Publishing
- Arts and Crafts
- Home Repair and DIY
- Computer Programs

When your work or tasks are completed, what do you choose to do with your time?

- Social time with friends and family
- Home repair
- Cooking/Baking
- Arts and Crafts
- Physical activity
- Reading
- Gardening
- Volunteering
- Watching movies and tv
- Games and puzzles
- Music (listening, playing, attending concerts)
- Being with pets
- Spiritual/Religious activities
- Enjoying Twin Cities museums/restaurants/cultural activities