

MELSA

By the Numbers

The eight library systems of MELSA (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, St. Paul, Scott, and Washington) provide resources to over **2.5 million library cardholders** in the Twin Cities Metro area.

In 2008 MELSA libraries collectively:

- Answered more than **3,500,000** information requests
- Logged close to **30 million** visits to their websites
- Provided access to more than **2,700** computer workstations for the public's use (some designated specifically for use by children and teens)
- Circulated more than **35,000,000** items (including books, DVDs, videos, audiotapes, and CDs)
- Offered more than **10,000** storytimes for children and their families
- Hosted **19,902** programs with **568,653** people attending
- Checked out **150,000** Museum Adventure Passes (translating to nearly **400,000** library user visits to participating cultural attractions)

In addition, MELSA libraries participate in the Minnesota Summer Reading Program: in 2008, over **100,000** children and nearly **20,000** teens participated in summer reading at MELSA libraries.

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