

# By the Numbers

The seven county and one city library system of MELSA (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, St. Paul, Scott, Washington) provide resources to over 2.5 million cardholders in the Twin Cities Metro area.

In 2007 MELSA libraries collectively:

- Answered more than **3,500,000** information requests
- Logged over **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 nearly **10,000** storytimes for children and their families
- Checked out **165,000** Museum Adventure Passes (translating to **500,000** library user visits to participating cultural attractions)

In addition, MELSA libraries participate in the Minnesota Summer Reading Program: in 2007, over **100,000** children and nearly **20,000** teens participated in summer reading at MELSA libraries.

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