



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Honorable Library Agency Board Members,

I am pleased to submit to you my 2012 budget for the Saint Paul Library Agency.

Although this budget includes reductions to the Library, our commitment to delivering a forward-looking Library responsive to the learning needs of Saint Paul's residents is undiminished.

- World language storytimes, begun in 2011, will continue in 2012 in libraries and in the community.
- In order to create the foundation for measuring the impact of tutoring and homework assistance on student achievement, the Library will begin using Cityspan, the data gathering system for Promise Neighborhood and Sprockets, in selected programs.
- E-book titles, digital music, and mobile communication will be expanded even as the collection budget is reduced.
- WORKplace services, which expanded in 2011, will be maintained, including digital literacy classes in multiple languages.
- A teen technology and media literacy initiative will be launched.

Thank you for your continued leadership, support and commitment to Saint Paul.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor