



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Dear Honorable Board Members of the Library Agency,

I am pleased to submit to you my 2014 budget for the Saint Paul Library Agency.

2014 will be a pivotal year for the Saint Paul Public Library. Thanks to investments made in prior budgets, we will be opening three new or completely renovated libraries in 2014: Payne Maryland, Sun Ray Library, and Highland Library. The 2014 budget fully funds additional staffing at the Payne Maryland Community Center, ensuring Payne Maryland is accessible to all our residents.

In recent years, the Library has innovated by expanding library services beyond the walls and open hours of our bricks and mortar libraries. In the 2014 budget we continue this innovation by adding \$65,000 for automated checkout kiosks (like a Redbox for holds) to experiment with new ways to deliver expanded service.

Thank you for your continued leadership, support and commitment to the Saint Paul Public Library. I look forward to working with you to continue to make Saint Paul's libraries among the best in America.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor