

Salute to Saint Paul Public Library teen volunteers

Local celebrities honor teen volunteers for their service to the community

Saint Paul, MN (Oct. 15, 2008) - More than 200 youth and teens fill the ranks of the Saint Paul Public Library's Youth Volunteer Corps, and on **Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Rondo Community Outreach Library**, at 461 N. Dale Street in Saint Paul, youth volunteers will be publicly recognized.

The event begins with an official city welcome by Commissioner Pat Harris and a salute to the teen volunteers from Saint Paul City Council President Kathy Lantry.

A Minnesota Vikings player, along with mascot Victor the Viking, Steve O from KDWB 101.3 FM, and other team mascots from the Minnesota Twins, Saint Paul Saints, Minnesota Timberwolves and Minnesota Wild will be presenting awards to the teen volunteers.

Youth and teen volunteers represent nearly every Saint Paul public high school, middle school, elementary school and private school. Additionally, several teens come from Minneapolis, North Saint Paul, Oakdale and Woodbury schools to volunteer for the Saint Paul Public Library.

Teens volunteer during summer months as well as weekend days. The volunteers help in the homework centers, assist with the Read with Me program, Paw Pals, Summer Reading programs, story times, computer classes, many special programs and events, and library beautification projects such as planting and watering flowers.

The 2008 Saint Paul Public Library Youth Volunteer recognition event is sponsored by the Minnesota Vikings, and supported by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Wild, Minnesota Twins, Saint Paul Saints, KDWB 101.3 FM, Johns Pizza Café, Super America, Walgreens and Midwest Coca-Cola.

For more information about the Saint Paul Public Library's Youth Volunteer Corps, please contact Wendy Neurer at 651-266-7420, Wendy.Neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

More about Saint Paul Public Library

For over 125 years, Saint Paul Public Library has enriched the quality of life in the community by offering programs and materials at 13 library locations and the Bookmobile. By anticipating and responding to the community's need for information and offering free access to technology, programs, and classes for people of all ages, the Saint Paul Public Library helps make Saint Paul the most livable city in America.

For more information, please visit www.SPPL.org.