

The Bookmobile brings library services to Saint Paul residents and students across Saint Paul who face barriers visiting the library's brick and mortar locations and serves as a bright, colorful, and welcoming outreach tool to introduce people to Saint Paul Public Library (SPPL).

SPPL is excited to share that by summer 2024 a new Mobile Library will replace the well-used Bookmobile. The current vehicle has traveled more than 122,000 miles over the course of 20 years, positively impacting thousands of lives.



## By The Numbers

**59,897**

Number of books, magazines, and other items checked out

**12**

Community events and parades where the Bookmobile engaged with the community

**2,268**

Children's books given away at community events to build home libraries

**55,838**

Visits to the Bookmobile from community members who might otherwise not have any connection with the library

**700**

Students visit weekly to check out materials, fostering a love of reading and learning

## What we've heard...

"My students are always excited when I tell them the bookmobile will be visiting that day. - Teacher at Dayton's Bluff Elementary

"I love the Bookmobile! I have a lot of formative childhood memories associated with going to Bookmobile, so I'm an advocate" - Summer School teacher

"This has solved all my problems!" - Patron at Hamline Hi-Rise who received a Chromebook as part of the Emergency Connectivity Fund program.

"Thank you for coming out in this bad weather! It's the bright spot in my day to see bookmobile staff and get new books to read!" - Older adult at a neighborhood stop on a cold, icy day

"At one school, a student wanted a book about the Tyrannosaurus Rex. We didn't have any on board, so we ordered them for our next visit. When I gave him two books about T Rexes, he said, "Wow, you got these books just for me!?" He was so surprised and excited to get exactly what he asked for." - Savitri Santhiran, Bookmobile manager

"This is the happiest thing that has happened to me all day!" - Patron visiting for first time at Edgerton Hi-Rise