

The Mobile Library (formerly called the Bookmobile) is a full-service library on wheels that provides access for residents in Saint Paul who face economic, cultural, geographic and social barriers to visiting brick and mortar libraries. It serves as a bright, colorful, and welcoming outreach tool to introduce people to Saint Paul Public Library (SPPL). Each stop is intentionally selected and most Mobile Library patrons exclusively use this location compared to other library locations.

Meet Mobi

- The brand-new Mobile Library truck, nicknamed 'Mobi,' launched in August 2024. Mobi is a 32-foot, custom-built vehicle with a spacious interior designed for collaboration.
- The new vehicle features a new, dedicated collection that features books in frequently spoken languages (K'Nyaw, Hmoob, Spanish) and internet hotspots.
- A wheelchair lift on the vehicle increases accessibility for patrons and helps staff easily rotate the collection.
- New services include engagement activities for youth, notary services, and tech help.



By The Numbers

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Average number of stops every two weeks around Saint Paul to serve residents who face barriers to visiting a library location

2,500

Number of items on board the Mobile Library

30,939

Average annual visitors who might otherwise not have any connection with the library

"Thank you so much for visiting. I look forward to your visits and tell my neighbors to come out too. I don't have a car and it's a wonderful service so I can get new books to read." -Lyngblomsten Senior Residences patron

"Mobi was the best part of my spring break!"
-12-year-old Mobile Library patron

"Really appreciate the wheelchair lift, I can finally come in to browse!" -Front Hi-Rise patron

"I started reading because of the Mobile Library! I was never a reader before. I always saw the bus outside the building and decided to stop in one day. I need Large Print so it's wonderful that the library has these for me." -Wilson Hi-Rise patron