

Read Brave is Saint Paul's annual citywide book club that brings teens and adults together across difference to read and talk bravely about an issue critical to Saint Paul. In 2024, the book selection was *Man o' War* by Cory McCarthy.

By The Numbers

4,500

Books Distributed to
Build Home Libraries

150+

Students Participated
in a Visit with the
Author

90

Community members
joined Read Brave
Events focused on
Celebrating Identities



Using themes in the book, students and community members dug into the complexities of who we are, how we relate each other, and what it means to create a city where all identities belong. Copies to keep were made available at all libraries in Saint Paul and books were left around town at bus stops, laundromats, and more.

"What a wonderful event Read Brave: Talk Brave was tonight! The joyful, supportive energy in the room was amazing, and everyone who spoke was so open and thoughtful."

- Read Brave Talk Brave event attendee

"I loved that it has a trans story and that romance was a subplot instead of the main focus. I identified a lot with the book."

- Student participant

"I hadn't read any books before from a trans person's perspective, and figured I probably should. Not only did this book really expose me to an example of that, but it's also a really good book in general."

- Community Participant