

Saint Paul Public Library welcomes all people to connect, learn, participate, and grow. In a city that works for all, SPPL believes that libraries bring people together to experience hope and unlock new possibilities.

By The Numbers

1,271,015 <sup>↑ 10%
from 2023</sup>

Visits to libraries
in Saint Paul

4,569,311 <sup>↑ 20%
from 2023</sup>

Visits to SPPL's
website and catalog

2,866,265 <sup>↑ 4%
from 2023</sup>

Items borrowed

27,174 <sup>↑ 20%
from 2023</sup>

New library card
holders

166,266 <sup>↑ 8%
from 2023</sup>

Visitors used library
computers

93,276 <sup>↑ 7%
from 2023</sup>

Visitors used SPPL's
free Wi-Fi

4,081 <sup>↑ 13%
from 2023</sup>

Meetings room uses by
community members

3,367 <sup>↑ 25%
from 2023</sup>

Programs offered
for all ages

47,051 <sup>↑ 30%
from 2023</sup>

Community members of all ages
attended library programs



Highlights

- A new accessible Mobile Library hit the road, delivering library services and programs for all ages to all corners of Saint Paul allowing the Bookmobile to retire after 19 years on the road.
- Launched a new strategic direction that provides guidance for the next four years.
- The Laser Loon Library card became a viral hit and hundreds of residents signs up for the limited-edition card that drew inspiration from community-informed redesign of the Minnesota state flag.
- Residents joined together to read *Man o' War* by Cory McCarthy and talk bravely about celebrating identities through the annual citywide book club, Read Brave.
- Continued to implement SPPL's enhanced safety plan by welcoming new safety specialists staff members, who focus on building relationships with patrons, creating welcoming library spaces, and addressing challenges.