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Saint Paul Public Library

Community Resource Guide –
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This resource was created by Summer Reads VISTA members. Summer Reads is an [AmeriCorps VISTA national service](https://www.americorps.gov/vista) program of Literacy Minnesota. For 8 weeks over the summer, Summer Reads VISTA members volunteer full-time as children's/youth literacy mentors in schools, libraries and out-of-school-time programs across Minnesota. They bring literacy to life for low-income students through a variety of activities – one-on-one tutoring, creative enrichment activities like using arts and drama to explore language or practicing vocabulary and comprehension in science and other subjects. They also connect students and parents/caregivers to community resources through wrap-around basic needs support. At the same time, the VISTA members build their own leadership, explore career paths, pay for college and become lifelong advocates for the communities they serve due to the power of their experience.

www.literacymn.org/summerreads



The Library is **MORE** than just books!

The library has much more than books, with events, classes, activities, and information assistance available online, at the library, and in the community. Nearly all events, classes, and services are **free** and **open to all**.



Digital Services Directory

Your online library, available 24/7, from home and on the go.

DIGITAL SERVICES	BY FORMAT	BY SUBJECT	LEARNING TOOLS	MORE
	E-books	Books & Reading	Learning Express Library	All Resources
	E-audiobooks	Business	Lynda.com	Kids
	Magazines & Journals	Homework Help	Transparent Language Online	Teens
	Newspapers	Jobs & Careers	All...	Downloads
	All...	All...		Digital Library Home

Stay Safe, Stay Connected!

While our library buildings are temporarily closed to the public, we are here for you. Learn more about Saint Paul Public Library resources at sppl.org/staying-in.

- [Contactless Pick-up](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Get an E-Card](#)

At The Library Services Directory

SERVICES	AT THE LIBRARY	EDUCATION	REQUESTS
	Library Cards	Library Go	Interlibrary Loan (MNLINK)
	Meeting Rooms	Educator Services	Suggest a Title
	Computers & Technology	Homework Help	MORE
	Print From Anywhere	Reading Together	All Services
	Innovation Lab		
	workPLACE		
	Notary Services		
	Ask a Librarian		
	Bookmobile		

Saint Paul Public Library Locations

The Saint Paul Public Library has 13 locations. Click on the below links for address, contact information, hours, and directions.



- [Arlington Hills](#)
- [Dayton's Bluff](#)
- [George Latimer Central Library](#)
- [Hamline Midway](#)
- [Hayden Heights](#)
- [Highland Park](#)
- [Merriam Park](#)
- [Rice Street](#)
- [Riverview](#)
- [Rondo Community Library](#)
- [Saint Anthony Park](#)
- [Sun Ray](#)
- [West 7th](#)

How to Get a Library Card



Visit any Saint Paul Public Library location to complete registration or register online for an electronic library card. **To get a library card** or to register a library card from another Minnesota public library system, you must have:

- a photo ID
- proof of date of birth
- proof of your current address

Did you know? You can register a library card from another Minnesota public library system at SPPL and enjoy dual access.

For additional information on how to get a Saint Paul Public Library Card: <https://sppl.org/library-cards>



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See the following programs offered at Saint Paul Public Libraries. For more information about the program or service, [click the headline](#).

PROGRAMS

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LEARN at the Library!

To live, adapt, and thrive in a constantly changing world, all people need supportive learning environments and free access to information and ideas from diverse points of view.

Fine Free

The library is now fine free. That's right! We no longer charge fines on late items. This ensures that all people have access to library books and materials, which is our primary purpose as a public library. Learn more about this new policy and how it affects you.

Early Learning at the Library

Every day, families visit the library to connect with resources and activities that promote early learning. From storytimes in nine different languages, to weekly puppet shows at George Latimer Central Library, to interactive spaces that encourage hands-on play and our summer reading program, Summer Spark — the library is a great resource for families.

Homework Help

The library provides tutors, computers, Wi-Fi, printers, reference books, and school supplies to help students of all ages at six library locations. In addition to Homework Centers, the library's [Reading Together](#) program provides reading mentoring for students grades 1-5.

LEARN at the Library!

Createch

Createch is a creative space for teens, located at five Saint Paul Public Library locations and at Saint Paul Neighborhood Network. At Createch, teens can access tools needed to pursue interests and spark new passions, and be encouraged by mentors who support their individual growth.

WorkPLACE

Job search, career planning, and resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs at the library. Grow your skills at the library!.

Free Learning Resources

The library provides a number of free resources to help support lifelong learning, including Lynda.com that provides easy-to-use video tutorials to help you learn business, technical and creative skills — anytime, anywhere. All you need is a library card!

Ignite your **CURIOSITY** at the Library!

Curiosity can change the world and the path of one's life. We believe in igniting its spark through discovery and creative exploration.

Summer Spark

Summer Spark encourages kids to have fun, stay active, and keep learning all summer long. Join in the fun by attending free programs at your library and earning prizes by completing reading and activity challenges! Summer Spark kicks off on June 1 every year.

Hands-on Activities for Kids

The library offers maker programming for kids throughout the year, including two flagship programs for the very young: Mini Masterpieces and Kaleidoscope. During school breaks, the library offers Maker Break programming for kids ages 7-11, and Maker Camps during the summer.

Nature Smart Libraries

The Nature Smart Library initiative provides resources, programming, and access for youth to interact with nature in their neighborhoods. Four Nature Smart Library locations — Hamline Midway, Riverview, Saint Anthony Park, and Sun Ray — offer Nature Smart backpacks to check out with books and activities on selected themes such as monarchs, trees, and birds.

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Make @ SPPL

Make something at the library! The library provides many making opportunities for adults, including the Innovation Lab, Tinker Tuesdays, Maker Fest, Maker kits, and more. Follow your interests and passions and learn new skills.

CONNECT at the Library!

The Library is a place for quiet reflection and boisterous activity; for likeness and for difference. It is comfortable, inclusive, and vital to creating healthy, strong communities.

Storytimes

The library provides storytimes for families in nine different languages, including Amharic, Chinese, Hmong, Karen, Oromo, Somali, and Spanish. Storytimes feature stories, songs, puppets, and more. Enjoy time with your child while building a foundation for reading success.

Teens Know Best

The Teens Know Best (TKB) book club is for teens 12-18 who want to read and review young adult (YA) books that aren't available to the public yet. YA Publishers read TKB member reviews and use them to influence their future decisions. Offered at Dayton's Bluff library every month.

Young Mentors Group

A group dedicated to community support and empowerment for teens offered at Sun Ray library. Watch this [video](#) and learn more.

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Book Clubs

The library offers a wide variety of book clubs at most of our locations. Some book clubs focus broadly on fiction or nonfiction, while others focus specifically on genres. All are welcome at our book clubs!

New Immigrant Services

The library provides English Language Circles, English classes, ESL on computers, and more. Learn more!

Innovation Lab

A free maker space for adults at George Latimer Central Library. For tinkerers, entrepreneurs, artists, hobbyists, inventors, and the just plain curious. Free membership is required.



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