So far in 2021, the Saint Paul Public Library has:
- loaned 601,709 physical materials
- welcomed 402,815 in-person visits
- loaned 502,236 electronic materials

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So far in 2021, the Saint Paul Public Library has welcomed our community to:
- 334 in-person events with 4,641 attendees
- 325 virtual events with 5,163 attendees
- 659 events with 9,804 attendees

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So far in 2021, the Saint Paul Public Library has connected our community with:
- 28,640 WiFi connections
- 44,649 public computer terminal uses
- 1,569 Career Labs visits
- 473 checkouts of wifi hotspots

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In 2021, the Saint Paul Public Library inspired our community through Read Brave Saint Paul:
- 861 Read Brave titles were checked out.
- 8,502 Read Brave books were given away to participants.
- 6,078 people attended Read Brave programs.

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**VIRTUAL GALA**

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Thank you for supporting The Friends!
The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, with presenting sponsor RBC Wealth Management, is proud to present the 18th annual Opus & Olives gala.

We are so glad you’ve decided to spend the evening with us and are grateful for your support as we gather virtually.

We hope you’ll enjoy laughter, inspiration, and warmth as we convene our amazing author lineup to celebrate our Saint Paul Public Library. The library continues to serve and strengthen our community every day with both virtual and in-person services for all. Tonight is our opportunity to support this essential institution that brings us together.

Please share your smiling faces with us on social media and connect with us in the event chat. And remember to shop for your cocktail ingredients before the show! Thank you to our committee and to everyone who made this event possible.

Thank you and have a lovely evening,

Candace Gislason, Opus & Olives Committee Chair

Virtual Gala Preshow | 6:30 p.m.
Program | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Preshow ........................................... Author readings, author-inspired cocktails, and a few familiar faces
Welcome ............................................................ Beth Burns, President and Wiley Cash, Emcee

Author Chapter 1 ........................................ Kirstin Valdez Quade
Author of The Five Wounds

Author Chapter 2 ........................................ James Oakes
Author of The Crooked Path to Abolition: Abraham Lincoln and the Antislavery Constitution

A Word from The Friends ................................. Beth Burns

Author Chapter 3 ........................................ Martha Hall Kelly
Author of Sunflower Sisters

Author Chapter 4 ........................................ Wiley Cash
Author of When Ghosts Come Home

Thank You ................................................ Wiley Cash and Beth Burns

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Author-inspired cocktail recipes are courtesy of Mary Crandall and Casey Jones of 11 Wells Spirits.