How Saint Paul Public Library is Funded

Our Saint Paul community benefits from a strong Library.

THE PEOPLE OF SAINT PAUL
Our community contributes to the Library through taxes and donations to The Friends.

THE CITY
Taxpayer dollars support library buildings, staff, and materials to check out. But public funding isn’t enough to provide the resources residents seek.

THE FRIENDS
With the help of individuals, businesses, and organizations, The Friends invests in the Library so it can better respond to community needs and wants.

THE LIBRARY
Thanks to community support, Saint Paul Public Library welcomes all people to connect, learn, participate, and grow.

City Funding
- Library Buildings: 13 locations plus a Bookmobile
- Library Staff: More than 200 people
- Materials: Books, music, movies, and more to check out

Friends Funding
- Innovation through pilot programs like a social worker and community specialists
- Opportunity for children and families through engagement like multicultural storytimes and homework help
- Digital equity and economic inclusion through technology access and career guidance
- And much more!

A Strong Library System

What is The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library?

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library is a nonprofit organization that invests in the Library through fundraising, advocacy, and programming. Together with thousands of supporters, our mission is to act as a catalyst for libraries to strengthen and inspire their communities.

www.thefriends.org