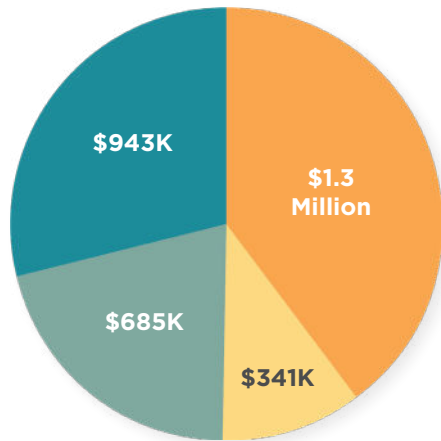


The Friends 2024 Financial Snapshot

Thanks to generous donor support and a broad range of revenue streams, The Friends remains a fiscally healthy organization in a strong financial position, even in these challenging times.



◀ Revenue

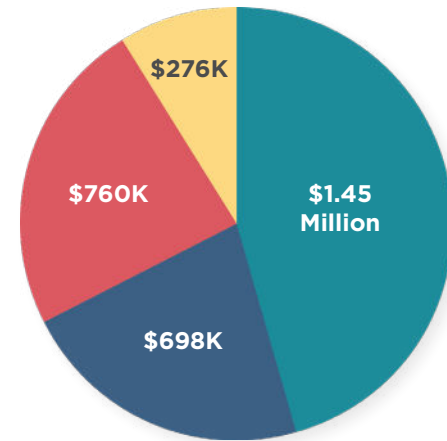
- Grants and donations
- Event tickets, sponsorships, and donations
- Consulting services and other revenue
- Endowment draws

Revenue total: \$3,277,583

Expenses ▶

- Staff who work on fundraising, advocacy, and programming
- Direct library support
- Programs & services for libraries
- Friends' operations

Revenue total: \$3,192,608



ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Friends continues to monitor changes to federal funding as they pertain to libraries. While about 90% of our Library's funding comes from local sources, cuts to federal funds will inevitably impact the Library. We'll keep you updated with what we know, the implications for our libraries, and what actions you can take. Watch our e-news or visit thefriends.org/advocacy for updates.



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Your continued investment in The Friends is critical to protect our Library.

We are grateful to call you a Friend of the Library. Thank you for your ongoing belief and commitment to our work.

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We **Invest** in Our Library.

Your support makes a difference.



The Library is made to be shared.
It's mine. It's yours. It's ours.

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“The Library is where I learned to read, where I found my favorite authors, where I collected stickers during summer reading contests, and where—when I finally became an author myself—I celebrated the launch of my first book.”

—Lindsay Starck, author of *Monsters We Have Made*, a 2025 Minnesota Book Award finalist

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We all engage with the Library in ways unique to us—and that's the beauty of it.

“The library is my source for books and so many DVDs. I guess I could say it's my entertainment center. I don't know what I'd do without it.”

—Peter, library user

“Nearly every week I go to the Library with my grandchildren. We enjoy playing with the toys, meeting new friends, and participating in storytime.”

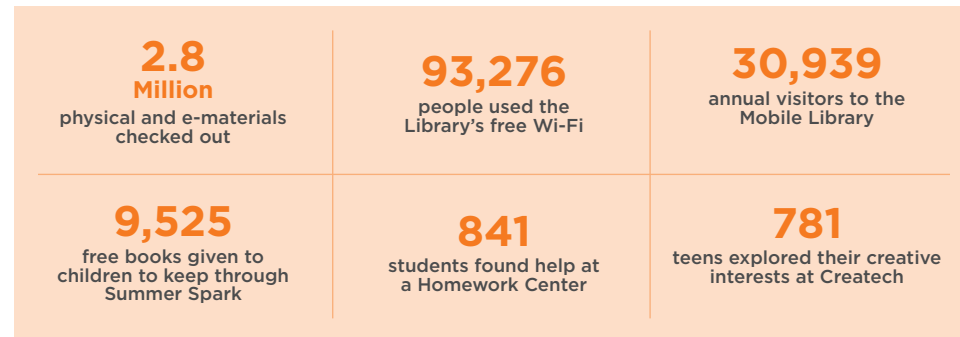
—Barbara, library user



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Our Library is one of the only truly public spaces where every person (every person!) is not just permitted, but welcome. What that means for each of us will be different, but collectively it means that Saint Paul Public Library provides us with the opportunity to dream big, to do life, and to connect to essential resources and to each other.

2024 Library By the Numbers



DID YOU KNOW? The Friends make this possible:



- **Out-of-school activities** like the Reading Together program that pairs mentors with students to improve literacy skills.
- **'Mobi' the new Mobile Library** (formerly known as the Bookmobile), which connects thousands of Saint Paul residents to essential Library resources who might not otherwise have access.
- **Createch maker spaces** for teens to gather and access tools to pursue interests and spark passions.
- **Dynamic programming** for libraries that connects readers, writers, and storytellers across Saint Paul and beyond.

The Library is ours to discover, to enjoy—and to protect.

In 2024, more than 1.2 million people walked through the doors of our libraries. Imagine what we'd lose in a world without those libraries: public space where all are welcome, free access to information and resources, and opportunities to come together as a community. **Libraries are essential.**

For over 80 years, The Friends has acted as a catalyst for libraries to strengthen and inspire their communities. **At a time when the work of libraries is critical and challenging, we remain committed to supporting the Library, through fundraising, advocacy, and programming, and to defending this essential resource for our community.**

With your help, Friends funding directly supports library programs, information, spaces, and staff.

PROGRAMS	INFORMATION	SPACES & STAFF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homework Help centers ● Summer Spark youth reading program ● Read Brave citywide read ● Createch teen maker spaces ● Family storytimes ● Innovation Lab maker space ● Reading Together literacy mentor program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Books for all ages to check out in multiple languages and formats (print, large print, e-books, audiobooks) ● Thousands of books to give away during programs ● Library Go access for Saint Paul students ● Database subscriptions for public use ● Educational app access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New study rooms at Central Library ● New Pods: private spaces to take video calls ● New Mobile Library ● Summer internships at the Library ● Library staff training and professional development ● Mental Health Professional ● Community Specialists who speak languages represented in Saint Paul ● Flexible money for staff to buy necessary supplies for spaces and programs