

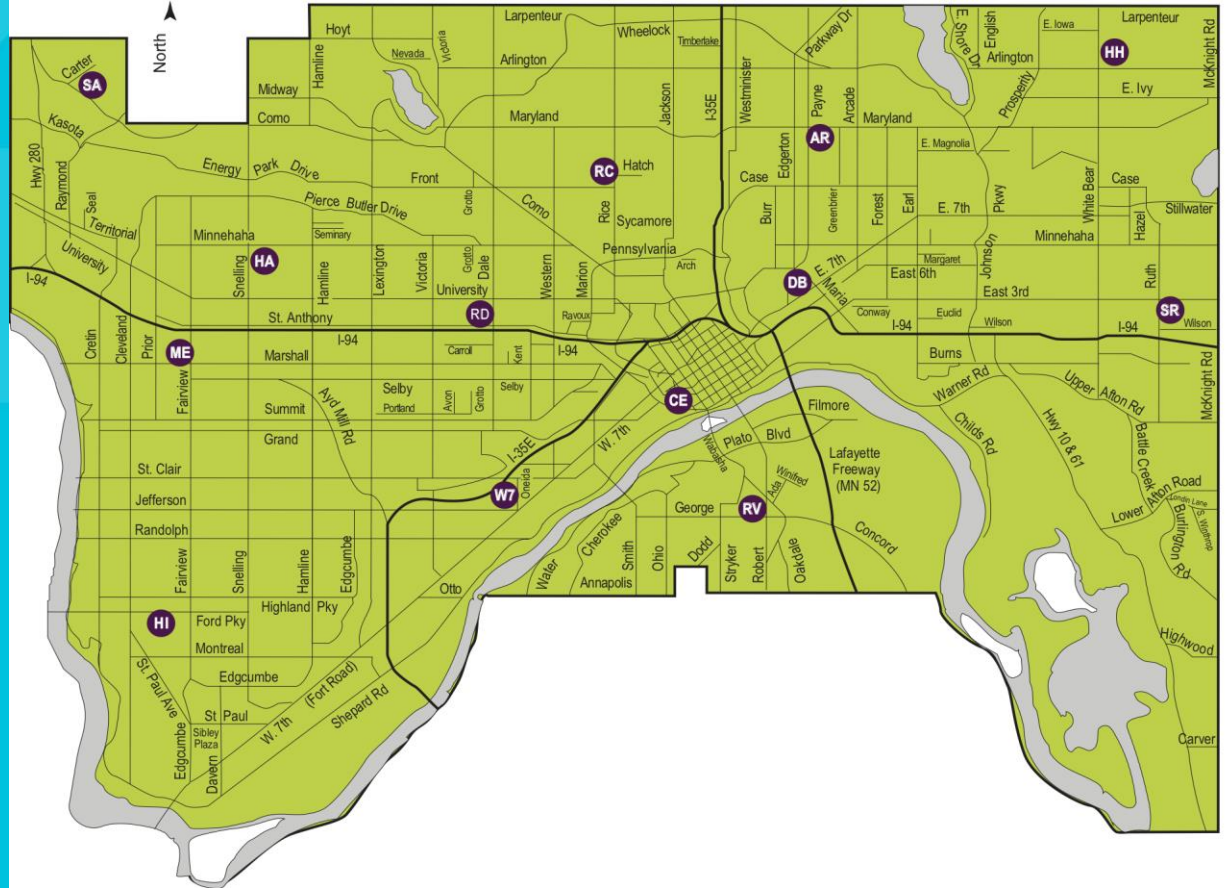
Saint Paul Public Library

**we are here for you!
(and your afterschool program!)**



Saint Paul Public Library

- 13 locations in neighborhoods across the City of Saint Paul
- 712 open hours per week
- www.sppl.org



Saint Paul Public Library has two goals for our partnerships with afterschool providers

- support increase in afterschool programs and participants in St Paul
- connect more young people and their families to library resources

Haven't visited a library recently? you'll find:

- Books - music, movies and more.
- No fines on late materials!
- Library Go
 - Automatic library card tied to your school ID
 - All SPPS students+9 charter schools

● Youth and families

- Homework Help – 5 branches in person, online 1-11 pm everyday
- Storytime and other programs
- Play and learn areas in library locations
- Read Brave – citywide reading initiative – all ages – build awareness and empathy on critical topics through books
- Teen and adult interest-based, technology rich spaces, activities

● Parents and caregivers

- Career Labs
- Digital navigators
- Innovation Lab
- Library social worker

What library youth workers say is needed:

- Meals and snacks for youth in evening hours
- Transportation to/from library
- College and career readiness programming
- Prevention programming – focus on healthy behaviors, mindsets, violence prevention
- Concurrent but separate programs for teens and their siblings/children
- Culturally-specific programming
- Referrals to tutoring program for families using homework help at library
- Help youth and families learn about afterschool options
- Teen parent supports that incorporate childcare during after school hours

Collaboration Ideas - lower cost, lower commitment - still impactful!

- Experiential learning field trip – youth, families – to library location for orientation, tour
- Provide library access (cards, Library Go) for all participants and families in your program
- Hosting information sessions or tabling at libraries to build awareness or recruitment
- Afterschool program providers can get a organizational library card to check out materials for their program
- Host student work (art, performance, other) in library spaces

What else? Let's talk more! **Maureen.Hartman@ci.stpaul.mn.us**

Collaboration Ideas – larger scale

- Participants as library volunteers and/or Right Track/other paid internships
- Use library spaces (meeting rooms, etc.) to host your program
- Special “takeover” of our Createch or Innovation Lab spaces by your program
- Pop-up library programs or resources at your site

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How to best work with us:

- Our 13 locations and Bookmobile work together as a system and are empowered to respond to interests and requests specific to neighborhood.
- AND we're still a large department of the city– things take more time than they do in smaller non-profits
- Partnering with us is worth it, but give us time!
- Saint Paul Public Library partnership letters must be signed by Deputy Director or Director even if partnership will happen in a specific branch



Questions?

Partnership ideas?

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thank you!

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