



**Saint Paul
Public Library**

Library Go

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What is Library Go?

- **Started in 2017**
 - 42,334 Library Go records
 - Currently have 87,880 Library Go records as of March 2025
- **Virtual e-card for students**
 - Schools apply through SPPL's website
- **Access to the library's print materials and e-resources**
 - E-resources include e-books, e-audiobooks, databases and online tutoring
 - Students can check-out 10 physical books and 15 e-materials
- **No financial risk for lost or stolen materials**
 - Library staff use the opportunity to build connection with students and explain responsibilities of borrowing materials and caring for them

Why is Library Go important?

- Students don't have to worry about losing their library go card, like they would a physical card
- Reduce barriers to access and promote equity
 - Connects all students to library materials and resources
 - There's no financial risk for parents if students lose or damage materials

2024

**By The
Numbers**

Physical books
checked out with a
Library Go card

64,546
119,607

E-books were checked
out with a Library Go
card

101,804

Total number of
students with a
Library Go card

12,465

Students checked out non-book
items like audiobooks or
accessing databases

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant

- SPPL received a \$27,800 grant to dedicate to promotion of Library Go.
 - Data showed students on the Eastside were not utilizing Library Go
 - Close racial and economic opportunity gaps
 - Family Nights at 2 library locations
 - Hayden Heights, connected 7 schools: Frost Lake elementary, Hazel Park Prep Academy
 - Sun Ray Library, connected 4 schools: Battle Creek and Eastern Heights elementary
 - Talk with families about Library Go
 - Food and activities
 - Educator trainings with SPPS
 - Updating of all Library Go materials

Library Go Family Nights

- Improvement both internally and externally around what Library go is
- Saw families who spoke several languages (Hmong, K'Nyaw, Spanish)
- SunRay Library is now seeing families that they didn't before
- Lots of families from Mobile Library stops
- Remind students about Library Go
- Families wanted to learn about more library programs/activities they could become involved in

Educator Trainings

- Six trainings for SPPS media staff during 2024-2025 school year
- Topics focused on most popular or useful resources, including:
 - Research databases
 - Libby (e-books)
 - Homework help at SPPL

Updated Materials

- Needed new materials to provide information about Library Go based on stakeholder audience
- Updated with new brand and audience-aligned messaging
- Classroom posters, flyers for families, wallet-size cards and iPad clings
- Postcards to all Kindergarten families this spring and fall 2025

What we've heard...

"I've seen children's faces go from frowns to lighting up when they realize they can check something out just because they are a student at Saint Paul Public Schools."

- SPPL staff member

"You mean I can check out library stuff with just my lunch number? That's cool!"

- Saint Paul student

"At the end of 2023, we had almost 7,000 more students enrolled in the Library Go program than at the beginning of the year."

- Dionicia Soliz, Library Go Lead

- Students don't know they have Library Go or they need a reminder
- Confusion about it being just for school
- Where can students keep their Library Go barcode so it's easily accessible (more so with students in K-2)
- Some families who have heard about Library Go in school, don't know how to translate it to public library use



Thank You

