



**Saint Paul
Public Library**

Rondo Community Library at The Hallie Q. Brown Community Center

Library Board
March 4, 2026

Ribbon Cutting

- More than 100 people attended the ribbon cutting at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center on January 9.
- Food from local restaurants Dilla and Sota Soul
- The afternoon began with remarks from Library Director, followed by remarks by Mayor Her, Library Board Chair and Councilmember Jost, and Councilmember Bowie, including a piece she wrote called "A Love Letter to Rondo".



Rondo Authors and Figures Display

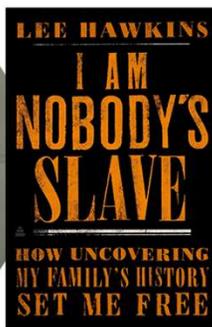


Programming

- Homework Center is FULL daily—averaging 20+ participants
- Createch and Funlab are reaching new groups of youth through connections at MLK Rec Center
- Creative and collaborative scheduling have allowed two cohorts of NDCAD's Sankofa reading program onsite
- Computer classes and Open Lab attendance rising
- CROP providers and vaccine clinics

Major Events

- Fireside Readings held in January featuring Pallavi Sharma Dixit, Mindy Mejia, Ricardo Levins Morales, Greg Gaut, and Rondo's own Debra J. Stone
- Upcoming: Club Book with local author Lee Hawkins on March 28



LEE HAWKINS

Saturday, March 28 at 2PM

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Community Engagement

- Ward 1 tour
- Coffee and Community Events February 26 and March 19
- Penumbra events
- Upcoming focus groups
- In-library engagement
- Parks & Rec events
- Businesses/Providers

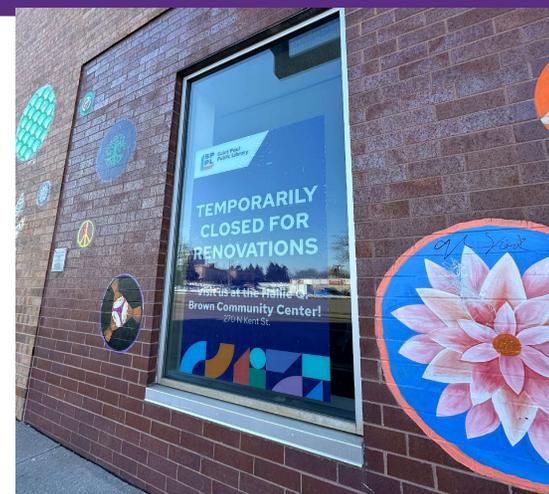


Stay tuned...

- Planning Literacy Nights with The Loop
- Collaboration with Walker/West, Parks and Rec, and Createch program for digital music workshop
- Artist in Residence with Springboard for the Arts, Briaunna Williams planning multigenerational workshops for the spring

Renovation Updates

- Continuing to keep an eye on the renovation and return to Rondo Community Library at Dale and University:
 - Design option selected
 - Community engagement (design feedback) underway
 - Furniture and flooring selections underway
 - Exterior signage up
- Upcoming Next Steps
 - Feb-March – Continued community engagement
 - March – Review schematic designs/cost estimates
 - April – Construction Docs completed
 - May-June – Bidding & contracting process





Questions?

