

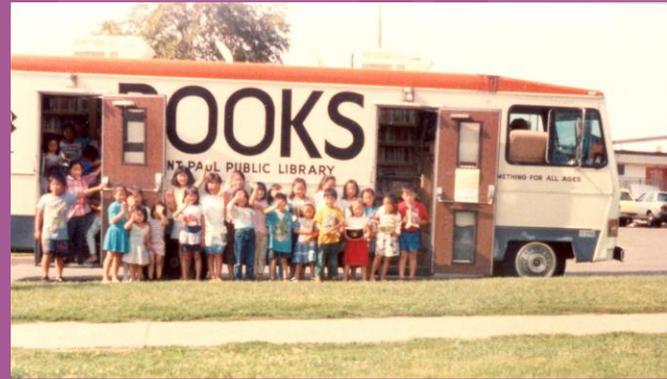


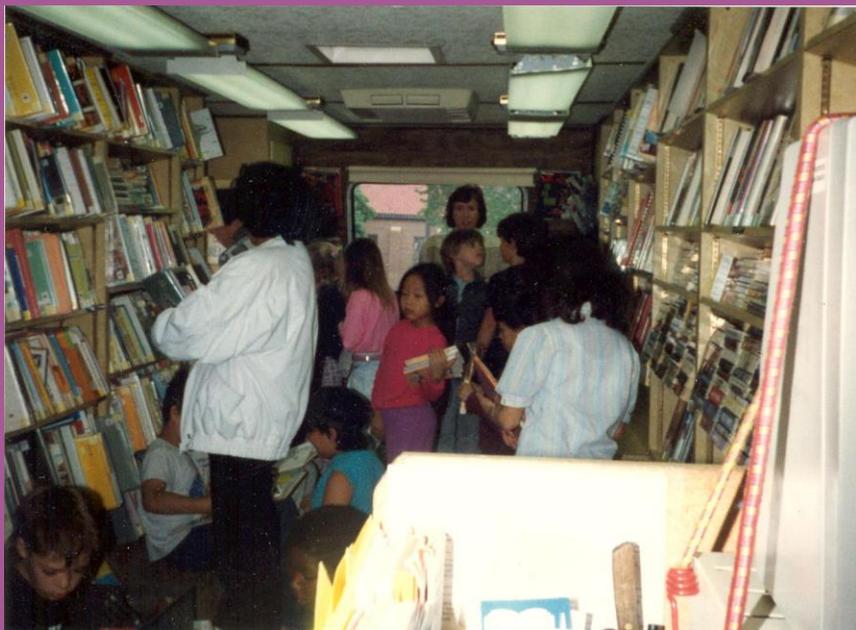
# Mobile Library

# Historical background

- Bookmobile services have been offered in Saint Paul for more than a 100 years.
- The current vehicle was acquired 19 years ago.









**14**

**Total number  
of languages  
heard on the  
Bookmobile in  
2023**



**59,897**

**Number of items  
circulated in 2023**

**Fifth highest  
circulation at Saint  
Paul Public Library!**

# Our Role

- Bring the library to neighborhoods across Saint Paul where residents experience a barrier(s) that makes getting to a library location more challenging.
- Generate awareness and introduce the library to Saint Paul residents not currently using the library, particularly newcomers to the city
- Provide library services to the community – from books to Wi-Fi to programming.

# Types of Stops

- School visits
- Community stops



# School stops

- School-aged children are a focus
- Mainly Saint Paul Public Schools, one charter school
- Classes browse collection and borrow books



# Community stops

- Older adult residences
- Neighborhoods with high concentrations of new Americans
- Communities with children



# Partners

- Saint Paul Public Housing Agency
- Saint Paul Public Schools
- Saint Paul Parks and Recreation
- Nonprofits organizations in Saint Paul with a focus on communities that experience underinvestment





# Improvements

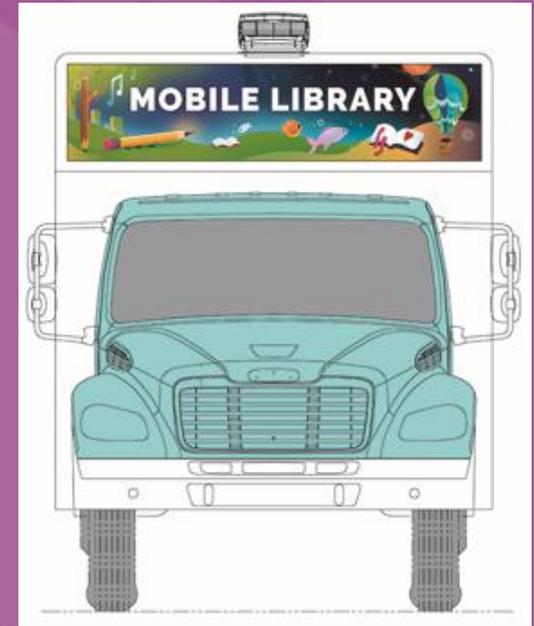
- Wheelchair lift  
(improved accessibility)
- Two service points  
(expanded services)
- Two public entrances  
(better workflow)
- Public WIFI access
- Slightly smaller  
(greater maneuverability)



# Name Change

- **Mobile Library**

- Better reflects the breadth of service that is offered through the vehicle
- More accessible name for people visiting the vehicle's stops, including new Americans to our city and people whose first language is not English.



# Funding

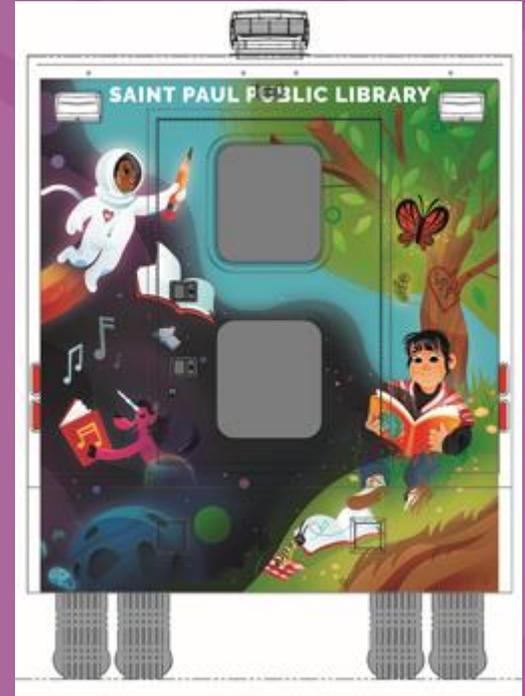
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds
- Library's General Fund
- The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
- HealthPartners
- Comcast supports a future digital navigator

# Our Ask

- Anticipate high interest
- Selection of Mobile Library stops (communities experiencing barriers that make it challenging to visit a library location and experience underinvestment)
- Events (high profile and hyperlocal)



**Launch party in  
May, details  
coming soon!**



This is the happiest thing that's happened to me today!  
*From a patron at Edgerton Hi-Rise*



My students are always excited when I tell them that the Bookmobile is visiting that day. No one ever complains about it unlike some other parts of our day.

*Teacher at Dayton's Bluff Elementary*



# Stories

- 'Burgundy Ridge' experience
- Trust at a community stop



**thank you!**

