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A program to provide free virtual
public library cards to all students



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About Library Go

- Library Go is a virtual public library card; it was fully launched in January, 2017 with all SPPS schools.
- All students receive a card when they register for school.
- Student records are automatically transferred from district to SPPL nightly.
- Card allows students to access materials online and in public libraries.
- Allows teachers to use databases.





BY THE NUMBERS

42,004

student records
successfully imported
into SPPL's database.
**Library Go now reaches
all SPPS students.**



854

**SPPS staff e-cards have
been created.** The success
of this program depends on
educators having universal
access as well



BY THE NUMBERS

17,000

library items have circulated (books, DVDs, etc.). Library Go allows students to check out up to 5 physical items.

 **15%**

Online homework help usage is up by 15% over the 2015-2016 school year.

20,000

e-books checked out with OverDrive and CloudLibrary



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SPPL's website stats for youth databases and landing pages are up, in some cases, by more than 1000%.

Supporting literacy

- Storytimes and literacy- and play-rich environments
- Early learning text messages to parents
- Summer Spark (ages 0-18) and expanded for pre-K
- SPPL children's specialist librarian assigned to each elementary school
- Reading Together - 1st - 5th grade
- I Read, I Vote - elementary and middle school
- Read Brave - high school



What schools look for from public libraries

- Supplemental materials for classroom learning
- Reading Incentive Programs
- Support using electronic library resources
- History Day, Science Fair and other research-related assignments
- Tutoring services
- School visits from children's librarians to promote reading and programming (includes summer)
- Read Brave - high school



Future work

- Start onboarding up to 6 charter/private schools in 2018
- Collaborating on future youth serving initiatives
- Joint professional development between school librarians and SPPL children's specialists
- [Virtual Library](#) growth and usage



Questions?