



Saint Paul
Public Library

Transforming Libraries

Library Board
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Transforming Libraries Overview

- Transformation of three libraries
 - Hamline Midway
 - Hayden Heights
 - Riverview
- Enhancing spaces in all locations
 - Play and Learn
 - Tech Rich

Residents told us they want libraries to be:

- Accessible
- Flexible
- Environmentally responsible
- Safe
- Reflective cultures of neighborhood
- Include elements of history (Hamline Midway in particular)

Hamline Midway Library

- Construction on \$10.4 million project has begun
 - Footings have been poured
 - Foundation is completed
 - Drilling for geothermal heat/cooling is complete
 - Steel framing begins now
- Opening by late 2026







Hayden Heights Library

- Approved for \$500K federal earmark in 2024
- Submitted funding request for project to CIB
- Construction drawings being finalized now

Riverview Library

- Approved for \$500K federal earmark in 2024
- Submitted funding request for project to CIB
- Conducting historic reviews now before full project begins

Play and Learn Spaces

- We selected vendor to develop design guide to plan \$2M in renovations to all libraries' Play & Learn spaces
 - Sun Ray Library will have a demonstration space in 2026
- Design guide will support integrating literacy and play

Tech Rich Spaces

- Updates will facilitate work, collaboration, and virtual appointments as part of the \$1.5M project for all libraries
- Demonstration spaces to be completed in 2025 at meeting rooms at Rice Street and Merriam Park Libraries
 - Funded in part by the Shavlik Family Foundation

Other Transformations

Nicholson Room study spaces



Other Transformations

- Capital Maintenance & Improvement
 - Saint Anthony Park – Maintenance and repair to accessible entrance to maintain ADA compliance.
 - George Latimer Central Library – Energy efficiency improvements to lighting and building automation systems

Safety Infrastructure Investments

- Public Safety
 - Secure sharps containers across facilities - **completed**
 - Other safety updates - **in progress**
 - Vapor monitors in public restrooms – **in progress**
 - Automated locking installations – **in progress**
 - Camera system under review – future state recommendation will guide implementation in 2026



Questions?

