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**Sprockets Launches Thanks to Library Staff**

Today is the launch of Sprockets: Saint Paul's out-of-school time network!

I want to take this opportunity to thank those Library staff who helped create the Sprockets network and tip my hat to those staff who work every day with youth in our libraries. You are the ones who will help make Sprockets successful for all youth in our city.

Sprockets is a strong network of after-school and summer programs for kids and teens in Saint Paul. It's a collaboration of the City of Saint Paul's Department of Parks and Recreation, the Saint Paul Public Libraries, the Saint Paul Public Schools and more than 70 community nonprofit organizations.

Sprockets is designed to help kids find out-of-school time programs and activities in one place—at [SprocketsSaintPaul.org](http://SprocketsSaintPaul.org). Most programs are free or low-cost programs.

Out-of-school-time activities can help youth gain essential social, emotional and academic skills. They appeal to their passions and interests, from art to hip hop, poetry, Tae Kwon Do, community service and more.

Besides the website and program finder, Sprockets is working to:

- Expand transportation for kids.
- Provide professional development and training for youth workers.
- Share data across organizations so we know how youth benefit from out-of-school-time learning.
- Improve communications so more youth and their parents know that out-of-school-time learning is important and that kids get signed up.

Please check out [SprocketsSaintPaul.org](http://SprocketsSaintPaul.org), and share it with youth and parents. And take pride in the work that Saint Paul Public Library does everyday.

Mayor Coleman