

PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS



SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

84% (134) of public libraries held summer library programs. Studies have shown these programs help decrease the “summer slides” that often happen to young learners over the summer. Across the state, 8,197 events were held in support of library’s summer programs.



ONLINE

Public libraries saw 39.9 million online visits to their website and 9.6 million uses of library Wi-Fi. Both of these numbers continue to rise every year.



PHYSICAL CHECK OUT

Some libraries have continued curbside service, which became a standard during the pandemic. Over 32.5 million items were checked out from libraries during the fiscal reporting period.

AT LEAST 4.6 MILLION MISSOURIANS HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE HOTSPOT CHECKOUT, NOTARY SERVICE, FAX/PRINTING SERVICES, EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM, HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES SPECIFICALLY FOR VETERANS AND JOB SEEKERS, AMONG OTHER SERVICES.



DIGITAL LIBRARY USE

Library patrons downloaded more than 13.8 million ebooks and eaudiobooks from their public libraries. In addition, libraries’ online databases were accessed more than 12 million times.



BUSINESS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Libraries provide general and specialized opportunities including makerspaces and other hands on resources. Programs such as Excel Online Adult High School and VetNow offer specific business and career support to numerous Missourians.



HOTSPOT CIRCULATION

52 public libraries continue to offer hotspot checkouts. This allows internet access to Missouri citizens in areas that do not have affordable and/or reliable connectivity. Over 16,000 hotspot units were made available for check out.

Data obtained from the annual Public Library Survey.



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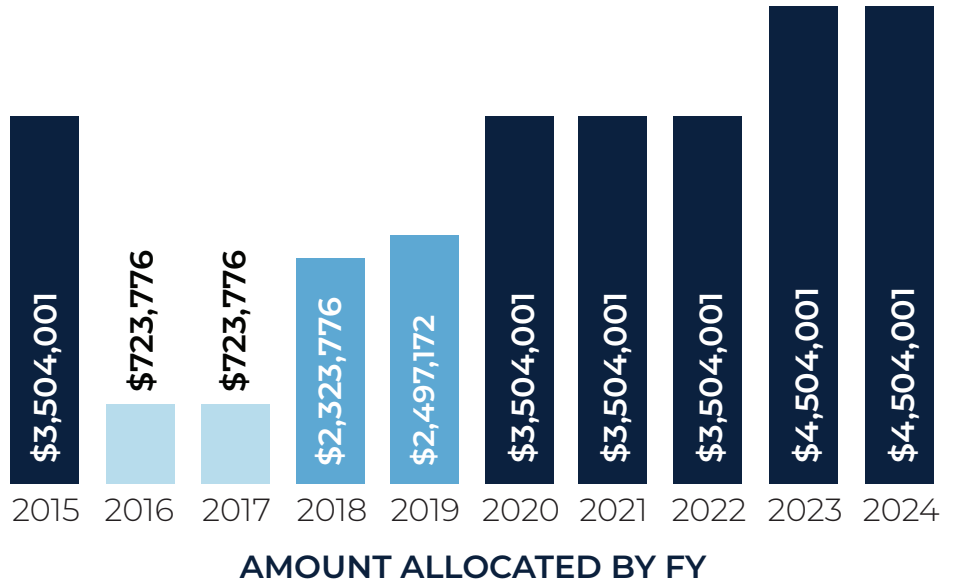
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PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING



STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

The Missouri Constitution specifies that funds will be appropriated each year to support public libraries, helping to pay for materials, technology, staff and other costs.



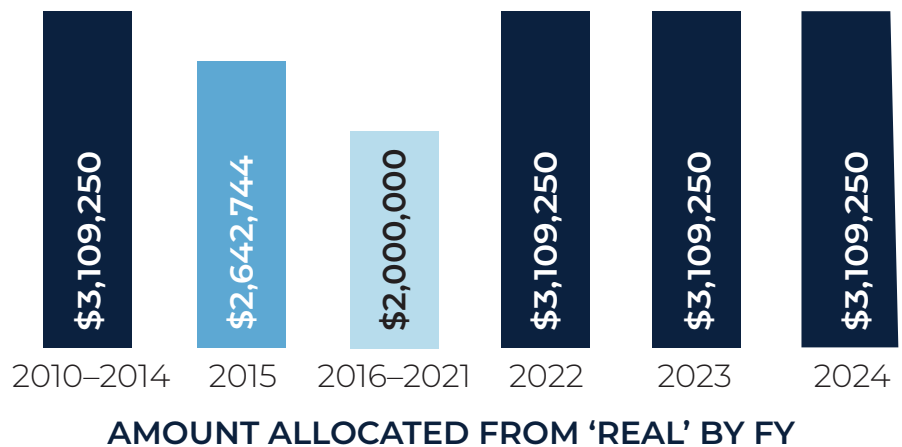
A&E TAX (LIBRARY NETWORKING FUND)

Missouri public libraries are authorized in RSMo 143.183 to annually receive 10% of the income tax received from non-resident athletes and entertainers. Non-resident Athletes and Entertainers tax revenue (A&E) is used by Missouri public libraries to purchase materials and fund resource sharing efforts such as interlibrary loan and courier service



'REAL' PROGRAM

The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) Program supports library costs for internet access, technical support and online resources for library patrons.



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