

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Update on Appropriations for Library Services

The Missouri Legislature passed the state budget on April 21. The final figures from HB2012 show good increases for appropriations for public library services. There are several increases to these appropriations, which are the result of the very effective efforts by members of the library community. At the time this article was written, the governor had not yet signed the budget.

FY17 State Aid - \$2,723,776. This is an increase of \$2 million more than the FY16 level of \$723,776, and returns the appropriation to 77 percent of the base FY15 amount of \$3,504,001.

FY17 REAL Program - \$2,750,000. This is an increase of \$750,000 more than the FY16 appropriation of \$2,000,000, and returns the appropriation to 88 percent of the FY15 amount of \$3,109,250.

The Athletes and Entertainers Tax Fund (A&E) also saw an increase of \$210,000 from the FY16 appropriation of \$800,000 to \$1,010,000 for FY17. This increase was recommended in the governor's budget request as part of the increases for cultural partners, such as the Arts Council and Humanities Council that receive funds from this source. This is an increase of 26 percent.

For all state provided appropriations, with the addition to the A&E funds, public libraries are now back to 87 percent of the FY15 total.

For LSTA, the Legislature approved the requested amount of \$4,125,000, the same as appropriated for FY16.

Legislative Updates:

Barbara Reading and Randy Scherr, MLA lobbyist, have conducted two legislative update webinars so far, on February 26 and March 25. The final webinar is scheduled for April 28. Registration is required and may be completed at [April 28 Legislative Update](#). These webinars are open to all library staff.

Other bills:

HB 2271 – Rep. Entlicher – Cedar County – proposal to allow sales tax for funding of the library; set on House calendar.

SB 984 – Senate version, Sen. Parson. One hearing, not moving.

HB 1914 – Rep. Hinson – Scenic Regional Library/Sullivan merged. This bill modifies provision regarding the inclusion of an additional board of trustees member of a consolidated public library district. Sullivan is in both Franklin and Crawford County; Crawford is part of Ozark Regional.

HB 2391 – Pierson – Removes obsolete references for state publications program.

Had a hearing this week and looks like it will move out of committee.

TumbleBooks Library Access for Public Libraries

Secretary of State Jason Kander and State Librarian Barbara Reading are pleased to announce the availability of TumbleBooksLibrary Deluxe to public libraries in Missouri eligible to receive State Aid. The basic TumbleBooksLibrary Deluxe subscription provides a collection of 550 animated, talking picture books for children in preschool through grade 3. Access to the resource will be available in the library or remotely. The books are streamed through the web page, not downloaded. Audio can be turned on or off so that children can practice reading, and the books are accompanied by educational games, puzzles and songs. Part of the collection is in Spanish and French. This resource expands the statewide Racing to Read early literacy initiative launched in March 2014 to help ensure children are ready to read when they begin school.

Technical issues on implementing access and assistance with promotional efforts will be worked on in the upcoming weeks. Watch for additional information in special announcements to library directors and upcoming articles in Show Me Express.

Public libraries with existing contract will be contacted by TumbleBooks Inc. to arrange a credit or refund. Those with existing contracts will continue to receive the service without interruption.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions about TumbleBooks may be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Administrative Rule Change Effective April 30, 2016

The Missouri State Library proposed an amendment to the 15 CSR 30-200.10 Administrative Rules regarding State and Federal grants to allow libraries to submit required paperwork to the State Library via faxed or scanned documents. The change also allows the State Library to accept a digital signature (e.g. Adobe Digital Signature) on documents. This will reduce postal costs and should speed up the submission process. The rule change will take effect April 30, 2016, in time for the FY2017 State Aid applications. LSTA grant application and report forms are in the processing of being updated and will be posted to the website in the upcoming week.

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