PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS



SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

This was the first full post Covid-19 Summer Library Program. During 2022, Summer library program participation increased by 75% and is back to pre-pandemic numbers. 139 libraries held summer library literacy programs.



ONLINE

Public libraries saw 38.2 million online visits and 4.87 million uses of library Wifi.



PHYSICAL CHECK OUT

Libraries continue to offer curbside and other remote options for materials checkout and pick up. During the fiscal reporting period, over 33 million items were checked out from Missouri's public libraries.

AT LEAST 4.4 MILLION MISSOURIANS HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE WHICH INCLUDES 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 12.8 million ebooks and eaudiobooks from their public libraries. In addition, libraries' online databases were accessed more than 10.2 million times.



BUSINESS AND CAREER DEVELOPIMENT

Libraries drive business and career development, via research support, skills training, resume/job search assistance and more.



HOTSPOT CIRCULATION

To help community members with low to no bandwidth at their home, approximately 40% of all public libraries in Missouri offered hotspots for checkout to library patrons. In 2022, 3,350 hotspots were available for checkout.

Missouri Secretary of State

John R. Ashcroft

Data obtained from the annual Public Library Survey.



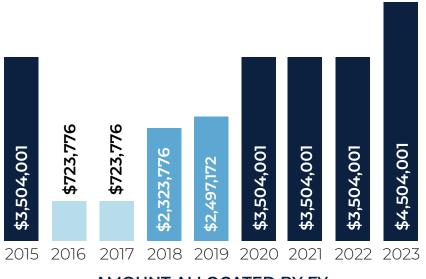


PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING



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.



AMOUNT ALLOCATED BY FY

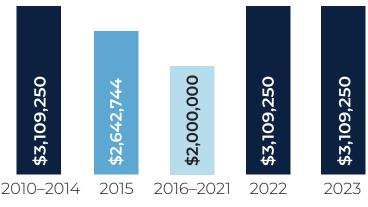


A&E TAX (LIBRARY NETWORKING FUND) Missouri public libraries are authorized in RSMo 143.183 to annually receive 10% of the income tax received from non-resident athletes and entertainers. Non-resident Athletes and Entertainers tax revenue (A&E) is used by Missouri public libraries to purchase materials 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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