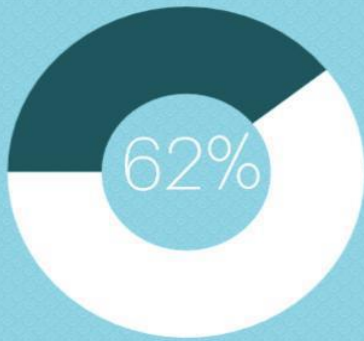


# Public Libraries in Action



61.6% of Missouri citizens have a library card to 361 public library outlets

## 44.1 Million Visits

28.4 million visits to library outlets

15.7 million virtual visits

## Summer Reading



Summer reading programs enhance student achievement and prevent fall-off of reading skills



197,949 children and teens attended summer reading programs in 2015

## Access to Services

Public libraries are open the equivalent of 101 years each calendar year



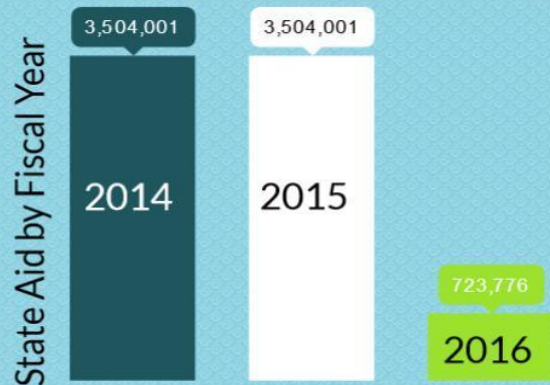
93,515 programs were offered in 2014

In FY15 over 82 million searches were conducted in online resources at public libraries, schools, and colleges. These resources provide access to both scholarly and general interest information.



Missouri State Library

# State Funding



The Missouri Constitution specifies that funds will be appropriated each year to support public libraries. Libraries use these funds for books and other materials, programs staff, and other costs. In FY2015, funding provided \$.50 per person, while in FY2016, only \$.13 per person was appropriated.

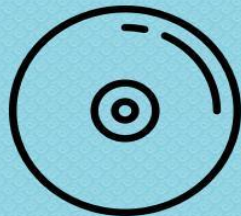
# REAL Program

Internet access services are heavily used in public libraries. These funds support the costs paid by libraries for internet access and technical support through MOREnet. Funds also pay for online resources used by people in public libraries and by K-12 and college students and teachers.



# Athlete and Entertainer Fund

FY16: \$800,000



Public libraries use these funds to purchase books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and other items to support learning and research by children, students and adults.