



2017 PUBLIC LIBRARY USE

Libraries provide an invaluable public resource, yet our state funding lags far behind that of others with similar services.

	VISITS	STATE FUNDING
STATE PARKS	21.3 million	\$2.20 per visit
PUBLIC LIBRARIES	45.3 million	\$0.11 per visit



WORKFORCE

Libraries drive businesses and inspire workforce development through research support, skills training, test-taking, resume and job search assistance and more.



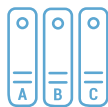
ONLINE

In addition to 26.1 million in-person visits, public libraries saw 19.1 million online visits, with 4.9 million internet sessions and 5.1 million uses of library WiFi.



COMPUTER USE

Patrons used public computers 4,892,513 times for employment, to file taxes, complete homework, conduct research and other activities.



SUMMER READING

184,149 kids and teens participated in summer reading programs, improving reading and retention over the break.

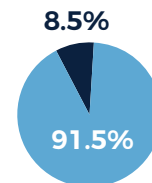


EARLY LITERACY

119 library districts offered early literacy programs, helping children age 0-6 develop literacy skills.



LIBRARY ACCESS



91.5 percent of Missourians have access to tax-supported libraries.



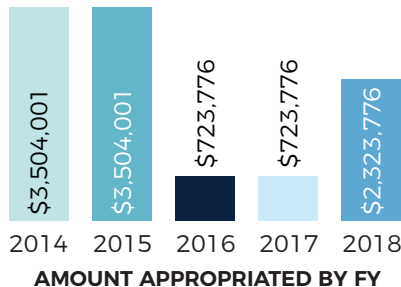
STATE LIBRARY FUNDING HAS DECREASED BY 42% SINCE FY2010

TOTAL STATE FUNDING FOR FY18: **\$5,099,776**



STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

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



A&E TAX FUND

Public libraries use funds from the Athletes and Entertainers (A&E) Tax Fund to purchase books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and other items.

In FY18, public libraries will receive \$776,000, just 20 percent of the \$4 million in A&E tax funding required by Missouri statute.



'REAL' PROGRAM

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

