



2018 PUBLIC LIBRARY USE



WORKFORCE

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



ONLINE

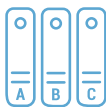
In addition to 24.7 million in-person visits, public libraries saw 24.2 million online visits, with 4.6 million internet sessions and 3.6 million uses of library WiFi.



COMPUTER USE

Patrons used public computers 4,601,200 times for employment, to file taxes, complete homework, conduct research and other activities.

FOR COMPARISON, STATE PARKS RECEIVE \$2.20 PER VISIT IN STATE FUNDING, WHILE PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVE JUST \$0.10 PER VISIT.



SUMMER READING

170,544 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

8.4%
91.6%
91.6 percent of Missourians have access to tax-supported libraries.



2018 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, programs, staff and other costs.



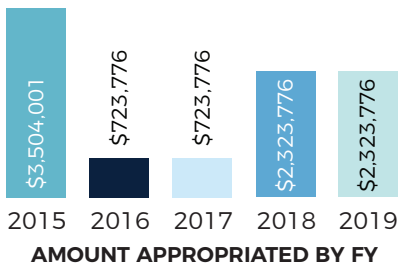
A&E TAX FUND

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

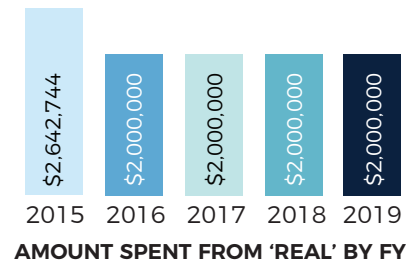


'REAL' PROGRAM

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



In FY19, public libraries will receive \$776,000, just 20 percent of the \$4 million in A&E tax funding required by Missouri statute.



$$\mathbf{\$2,323,776} + \mathbf{\$776,000} + \mathbf{\$2,000,000}$$

TOTAL STATE FUNDING FOR FY19:

\$5,099,776

STATE LIBRARY FUNDING HAS DECREASED BY 42% SINCE FY2010