



2020 PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS



EARLY LITERACY

142 library districts serving 90.8% of Missouri's population offered literacy programs to children from birth to age 6, helping to develop early literacy skills.



ONLINE

Public libraries saw 32.8 million online visits and 4.9 million uses of library Wifi. To further expand internet access, libraries offered over 1,243 mobile hotspots.

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NOTARY SERVICES

To help with absentee and mail-in ballot notarizations for the 2020 elections, libraries made free notary services available to over 3.7 million Missourians.

AT LEAST 4.4 MILLION MISSOURIANS HAD ACCESS TO CURBSIDE LIBRARY SERVICES LIKE PRINT BOOKS, NOTARY SERVICES AND FAX/PRINT SERVICES



VIRTUAL LEARNING

66.7% of Missouri libraries offered virtual summer reading programs to kids, with 3,557 programs offered and 213,194 children in attendance.



WORKFORCE

Libraries drive business and workforce development via research support, skills training, test-taking, resume/job search assistance and more.



LIBRARY ACCESS

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91.6% of Missourians across the state have access to tax-supported libraries.



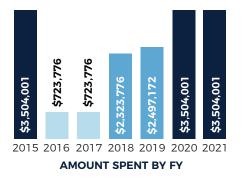


2020 PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING



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.





A&E TAX (LIBRARY NETWORKING FUND)

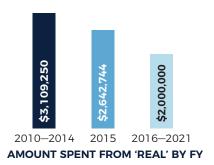
Public libraries use funds from the Athletes and Entertainers (A&E) Tax to purchase books, eBooks, magazines, DVDs and audiobooks.

In FY21, public libraries will receive \$776,000, just 20% of the nearly \$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.



TOTAL APPROPRIATED & EXPENDED BY FISCAL YEAR



***FY10** – difference between the amount appropriated and expended is the result of restrictions placed on the appropriation.

**FY21 - have contracted or planned to spend entire appropriation, except for current restricted amount in A&E transfer.