

# PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCESS



## SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

89% (136) public libraries held summer library programs.

Studies have shown the programs help decrease the “summer slide” that often happens to young learners over the summer. Across the state, 9,231 events were held in support of libraries’ summer programs.



## ONLINE

Public libraries saw 13.1 million uses of library Wi-Fi and 2.1 million uses of public computers.



## PHYSICAL CHECK OUT

More than 31.6 million items were checked out from libraries during the fiscal reporting period.

**AT LEAST 5.6 MILLION MISSOURIANS HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE: 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 18.6 million digital materials from their public libraries.



## BUSINESS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Libraries provide general and specialized opportunities including Makerspaces and other hands-on resources. Programs such as Excel Online Adult High School and VetNow offer specific business and career support to numerous Missourians.



## PROGRAMS AND VISITS

More than 17.7 million patrons visited public libraries and there were 86,914 programs (including 56,346 youth programs) held at public libraries during the fiscal reporting period.



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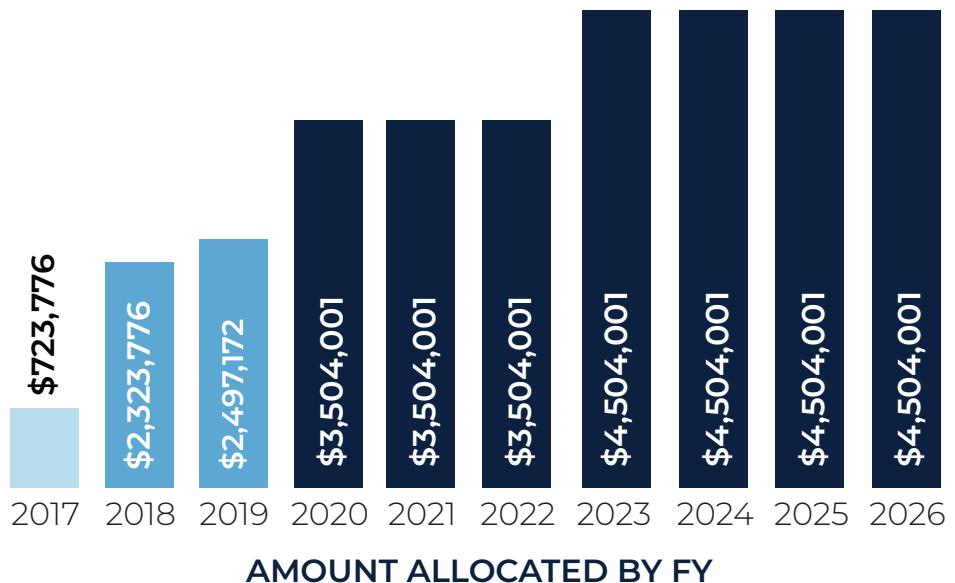
Data obtained from the 2025 Public Library Survey.

# 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.



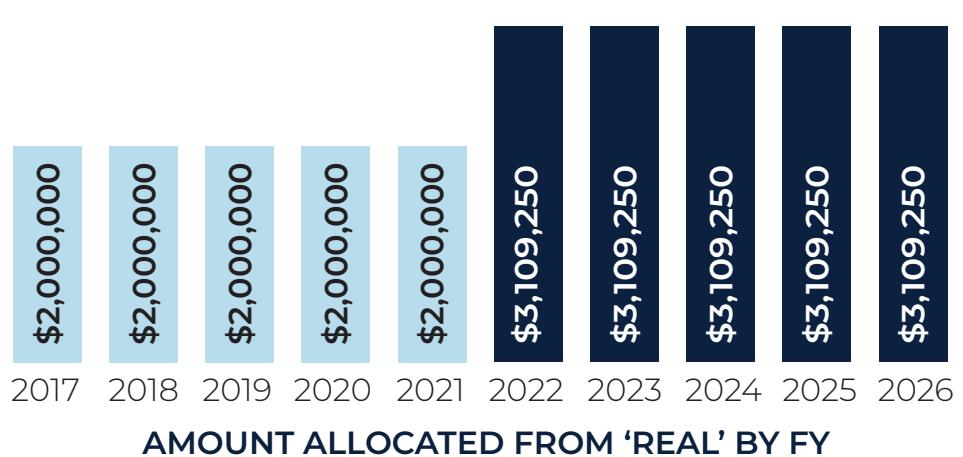
## A&E TAX (LIBRARY NETWORKING FUND)

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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