Missouri State Library
Summer Library Program Grants
Awarded January 2026

Summer Library Program grants provide funds to create new or enhance current efforts to serve patrons of all ages through programs that support an educated and informed citizenry. This grant is designed to meet LSTA Priority 5: to support an educated and informed citizenry, and Missouri State Library Goal 2: to assist libraries in strengthening and expanding both quality and availability of library services. Summer Library Programs last a minimum of eight weeks and the grants can fund paid presenters and library collection materials.

This year's national theme is Unearth a Story. Programs typically involve this theme and include a reading challenge, small group sessions, and special program events. Fifty three eligible applications were received requesting a total of $471,040.84 and 52 of the grant applications were awarded a cumulative total of $441,186.00.

Organization Name	Project Name	Award
Adair County Library	Unearth A Story: Summer Reading 2026	$3,680.00
Barton County Library	Unearth a Good Story at Barton County Library@ -Summer 2026	$7,877.00
Boonslick Regional Library	Unearth a Story at Boonslick Regional Libraries	$9,338.00
Brentwood Public Library	Summer Reading Program: Unearth a Story	$3,125.00
Cameron Public Library	Unearthing a Love of Reading	$8,000.00
Canton Public Library	Canton Public Library's T-Rexcellent Summer Reading Program	$5,962.00
Cape Girardeau Public Library	Unearthing History @ CGPL: Summer 2026	$12,372.00
Carrollton Public Library	"Unearth a story"	$8,000.00
Carter County Library	Unearthing Carter Counties Story	$7,833.00
Cass County Public Library	Jurassic Spark: The Dinsaur Discovery Project	$15,750.00
Cedar County Library	Hot Dig-ity Detectives!	$4,450.00
Centralia Public Library	Rockin' & Roaring' @ CPL	$8,000.00
Christian County Library	Summer Reading 2026: Exploring Animals, History, and Culture	$12,738.00
Conran Memorial Library	Follow the Dinosaur Trail to the Conran Library	$5,564.00
Daviess County Library	Unearth a "T-rex"cellent Story!	$7,833.00
Gentry County Library	Unearth a Story @ your Gentry County Library	$4,715.00

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Hamilton Public Library	Unearthing Stories in Hamilton	$3,625.00
Hannibal Free Public Library	Roar, Stomp, and Read at Hannibal Free Public Library	$5,405.00
Heartland Regional Library System	Unearthing Stories at Heartland	$8,000.00
Henry County Library	The Henry County Library is DINO-Mite!	$4,864.00
Jefferson County Library	Story Quest: Unearth a Clue	$3,423.00
Kansas City Public Library	Read, Score, Roar: Kicking Off a Summer of Reading and Fun	$22,000.00
Kirkwood Public Library	Past, Present, Future: Unearth Your Story at KPL	$8,000.00
Little Dixie Regional Libraries	Project Rawr - Summer 2026	$12,023.00
Livingston County Library	Dino-SOAR into Reading	$8,000.00
Marion County Library Sub-District #1	Hidden Stories Unearthed	$7,995.00
Marshall Public Library	Dig into Discovery: Summer at the Marshall Public Library	$7,820.00
McDonald County Library	Summer Reading Program	$6,100.00
Moniteau County Library	Summer Reading is DINO-MITE!	$7,429.00
Montgomery City Public Library	MCPL is DINO-Mite!	$5,952.00
Mound City Public Library	"Diggin' Up a Dinostory!"	$4,255.00
Neosho Newton County Library	Roar and Stomp and Read!	$15,956.00
Nevada Public Library	Unearth a Story: Dig, Discover, and Read—2026 Summer Library Program	$7,590.00
Ozark Regional Library	Dig Into History, Unearth a Story	$6,850.00
Polk County Library	Unearth a Story at the Polk County Library 2026	$7,676.00
Putnam County Public Library	The Dino Dig	$4,801.00
Ralls County Library	Unearth YOUR Story Through Literacy, Science and History	$4,329.00

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Richmond Heights Memorial Library	Unearth YOUR Story at Richmond Heights Library!	$8,000.00
Riverside Regional Library	Unearth a Riverside Story	$8,428.00
Rock Hill Public Library	Dig Deep! Rock Hill Summer Reading 2026	$6,001.00
Rolla Public Library	Dig Into Reading: Uneart a Story at the Rolla Public Library	$7,986.00
Sedalia Public Library	STEM-asaurus Learning at the Sedalia Public Library	$3,681.00
Seymour Community Library	Unearth a Story at Seymour Community Library	$5,347.00
Sikeston Public Library	Unearth a Story	$6,715.00
St. Charles City-County Library	Summer Challenge: Unearth a Story	$13,700.00
St. Clair County Library	Dig In and Discover Stories @ the St. Clair County Library	$8,000.00
St. Louis County Library	Unearthing Literacy Growth Through Regional Collaboration	$44,000.00
Trails Regional Library	TRL Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program 2026	$15,852.00
University City Public Library	UCPL 2026 Big Book Challenge and Unearth a Story	$7,216.00
Valley Park Community Library	Unearthing Treasures in Our Community	$6,400.00
Webster Groves Public Library	WGPL - Summer Reading 2026	$5,718.00
West Plains Public Library	Unearth a Story: A Summer of Discovery at the West Plains Public Library	$6,812.00
Total		$441,186.00