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

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Data obtained from the 2018 Public Library Survey, 2018 Summer Reading Program, state agencies and MOREnet.
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.

TOTAL STATE FUNDING FOR FY19:
$5,099,776

STATE LIBRARY FUNDING HAS DECREASED BY 42% SINCE FY2010

These state funds are used to meet requirements for Missouri to receive federal funding through the Library Services and Technology Act.