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.

**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.

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

Data obtained from the Missouri State Library.
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.

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

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.

TOTAL APPROPRIATED & EXPENDED BY FISCAL YEAR

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*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.