

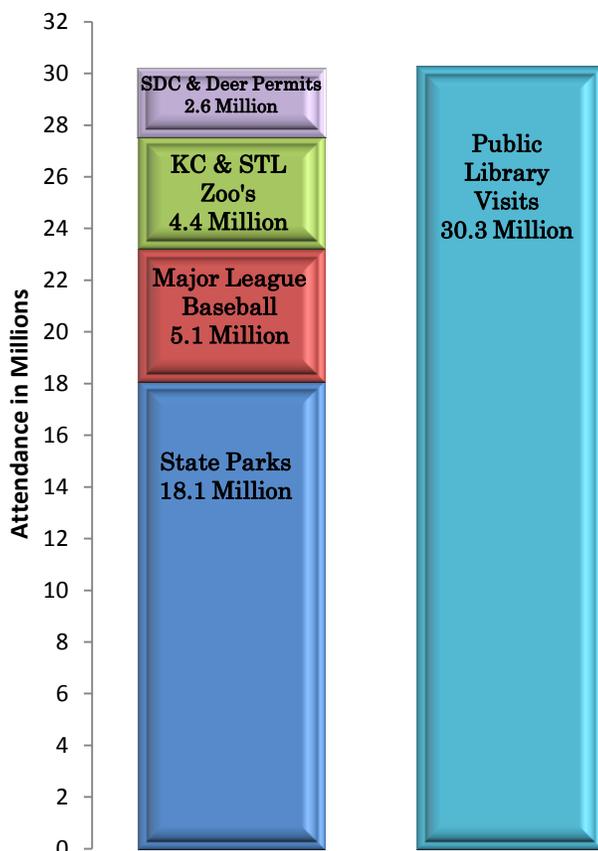
The Greatest Attraction: Missouri Public Libraries

In FY2013, the number of annual visitors to Missouri public libraries exceeded the *combined* attendance to many of the state's other major attractions.

Public Library Visitors	30.3 million
State Park Visitors	18.1 million
Cardinals and Royals Baseball	5.1 million
St. Louis & Kansas City Zoo's	4.4 million
Silver Dollar City	2 million
Firearm Deer Hunting Permits	600 thousand

Nearly **5.5 million** Missourians (91.4% of the state's population) have access and use the 364 public library outlets. The combined total number of Wal-Mart outlets (Walmart & Supercenter-127, Neighborhood Markets-17) and the total number of Walgreen's pharmacies (214) are fewer than the number libraries available to Missouri citizens.

Missouri citizens used the over 4,900 public library computers **6.8 million** times in FY2013. On average, each computer is used nearly 1,400 times per year to apply for employment, access information, complete homework or research, and connect with others. Ninety-seven percent of public libraries provide a high-speed connection for their patrons.



Summer reading programs enhance student achievement and prevent fall-off of reading skills during summer break. Summer reading programs had 233,000 youth and teen participants at public and school libraries. Furthermore, more than 44,000 Children's programs were conducted at Missouri public libraries in FY2013, with a total attendance of 1.54 million children.

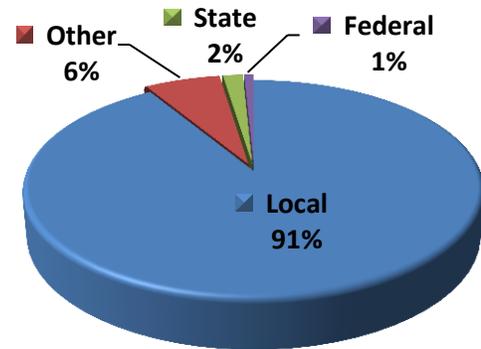
Attendance data was attained from attraction websites, information requests, and the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources publications. Library data is from the FY2013 Public Library Survey.

Missouri Public Libraries Add Up

General Information

Population in Library Districts	5,472,183
Library Card Holders	3,293,338
Library Outlets	364
Bookmobiles	24
Total Paid Staff (FTE)	3,144

Annual Funding in Missouri for Public Library Services



Library Materials

Books and Magazines	17,194,119
Audios	948,180
Videos	1,062,384

Local	\$209,926,434
Property tax, sales tax	
Other	\$14,446,771
Private grants, donations	

Internet Access

Total number of public Internet access computers	4,917
Annual usage of Internet access computers	6,799,344
Use of each Internet access computer	1,383

State	\$3,504,001
State Aid: Per Capita, and Equalization (FY2013 distribution)	
Federal	\$1,816,792
IMLS-LSTA state programs and other Federal grants received by libraries	

Activity

Visits to Library Outlets	30,298,106
Reference Questions Answered	3,345,020
Total Circulation	55,969,212
Children's Materials Circulation	14,918,516
Attendance at Children's Programs	1,544,030

Total Library Funding	\$229,694,178
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Data compiled from FY13 Public Library Survey

