



# The Power of Kansas Libraries

Providing reading and information resources so every Kansan can aim for the stars.

## Kansas libraries by the numbers\*

\*2023 Kansas Public Library Survey

**367: Kansas Public Libraries & Branches**  
**9,635,825: Visitors in 2023**

**16,448,192:** Physical Materials Circulated

**12,824,599:** Digital Resources Circulated  
audiobooks, music, movies and more

**3,237,245:** Database Searches

**3,186,459:** Database Full-Text Uses

**735,519: Interlibrary Loan Resources Shared**

Among public, school, academic and special libraries

**1,152,925: Computer Sessions**

**3,748:** Public Computers Available

**3,449,768:** Wi-Fi Sessions

**69,663: Total Library Programs**

**33,753:** Programs for Children

**35,910:** Programs for Adults

**1,348,467: Total Library Program Attendance**

**795,152:** Children in Attendance

**553,315:** Adults in Attendance

**3.32: Per Capita  
Library Visits** •

**Kansas is ranked #2  
among states**

2022, latest data reported



Mulvane Public Library

“(State databases) provide free access to a wide range of high-quality resources that support education, job searching, research and lifelong learning. For a small community, these databases bridge the gap in access to high-quality information, making education, career growth and personal enrichment more accessible without extra costs to residents.”

- Karen Gillihan, Director  
Goodland Public Library



# How IMLS Funding Supports Kansans



These essential Kansas library services were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Links to Kansas' five-year project plan and state program report can be found on the State Library of Kansas website at [library.ks.gov/about-us/lsta](http://library.ks.gov/about-us/lsta).

**IMLS allocated \$2.1 million in 2024 to support Kansas libraries through the State Library of Kansas.**

## IMLS funds support the following Kansas library programs

### Statewide Databases & Learning Tools

Every Kansan has access to research databases and learning tools. These resources support community members, students at every education level, lifelong learners, job seekers, and entrepreneurs in their personal and professional development. With the support of IMLS funding, the State Library licenses these resources – at substantial cost savings – and makes them accessible to Kansans from any location or device.

### Resource Sharing (Interlibrary Loan)

Every Kansan can request books not available at their local library. A statewide system, funded with IMLS monies, allows libraries to share book availability and to request materials from other libraries. Through this service, libraries efficiently pool their resources to support all Kansans' access to a wider range of resources than their local library may be able to provide alone.

### Talking Books

Every Kansan with a visual impairment or other print disability has access to more than 131,000 books, 100 magazines, and other resources through the Talking Books program. Services also include personalized assistance, reading request recommendations, read-aloud weather and job alerts, and news services. This IMLS funded program builds community among too-often isolated Kansans.

## IMLS also funds

- ▶ **Digital Books:** Provides a variety of reading materials including eBooks and audiobooks.
- ▶ **Continuing Education for Librarians:** Funds professional development resources for librarians across the state.
- ▶ **Summer Reading:** Provides summer reading materials to Kansas libraries.
- ▶ **Kansas Notable Books:** Recognizes 15 outstanding titles annually either written by Kansans or about a Kansas-related topic.

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