

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR..

As we look back on our journey through 2025, we at the library want to take a moment to celebrate our accomplishments and express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your support has not only made our growth possible but has also reinforced the enduring value of public libraries in our communities.

This past year has been remarkable, with patrons checking out an astounding **217,149 items** from our four library branches located in Huntsville, Madison, Moberly, and Paris, which together serve a population of **33,382**. Each item checked out represents a journey taken, knowledge gained, or a story shared. Whether you borrowed a bestselling novel, an educational DVD, or a microscope, each visit reflects the critical role our library plays in enriching your lives.

Thanks to our patrons, we welcomed **1,100 new library card holders** into our library family this year. It's heartening to see so many people choosing to engage with the library's vast resources and programs. Each new cardholder signifies an opportunity for learning, growth, and community connection. With more members joining our library, we are reminded of the important role libraries play in creating strong, informed communities.

Adding to our collection, we proudly introduced **8,539 new items** available for checkout. Our commitment to keeping our collection fresh and diverse ensures that there is always something new for you to explore and enjoy. From the latest literary releases to unique educational resources, our expanded offerings underscore the library's mission to provide access to a wide array of information and experiences that cater to the interests of all our patrons.

This year, we've strived to ensure our libraries remain modern and welcoming spaces. Notably, the Moberly Library received a much-needed new roof, signaling our commitment to maintaining safe and inviting spaces for learning and community engagement. Improvements like these not only enhance your experience, but also signify our dedication to the long-term health of our library infrastructure.

As we move forward, it is essential to recognize the profound impact libraries have on fostering community connections, promoting literacy, and providing access to information. Libraries are more than just places for books; they are community hubs that sparking creativity and drive lifelong learning.

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MISSION

Little Dixie Regional Libraries exists primarily to meet the informational and recreational needs of all residents within it's service area.

The role of the library is to provide access to and actively promote public awareness and usage of materials and services to meet the needs, as well as to preserve the cultural and intellectual heritage of the service area.

LOCATIONS

Moberly Public Library
111 North Fourth St.
Moberly, MO 65270

Madison Public Library
113 Broadway St
Madison, MO 65263

Huntsville Public Library
102 E. Library Street
Huntsville, MO 65259

Paris Public Library
111 N Main St
Paris, MO 65275

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STAFF

Director: Rachael Grime

Administrative Assistant: Deborah Regan

Cataloging: Abigail Amirault

Circulation Head: Melissa Wetzel

Circulation Staff: Robin Fara, Hayden Burkhart-Jenkins, Addison Garrett, Bailey Newcomb, Eden Westveer

Computer Services: Joel Burnett

Reference and Genealogy: Celeste Cole

Adult Programming: Kyleene Henderson

Young Adult Programming: Taylor Bequette

Children's Programming: Kylee Root-Quayle

Outreach Services: Stephanie Hansel

Maintenance & Delivery Services: Jared Montgomery

Custodial Services: Gary Bush, Denny Hill

Paris Branch Supervisor: Jenny Caldwell

Paris Children's Services: Cabria Tennant

Madison Branch Supervisor: Emma Gilmour

Madison Children's Services: Susan Butler

Huntsville Branch Supervisor: Bennie Brown

Huntsville Children's Services: Lisa Whitmore

**“When the going gets tough,
the tough get a librarian.”**

Joan Bauer

LIBRARY BOARD

A library board (or board of trustees) acts as the governing body responsible for setting the library's strategic vision, mission, and policies while serving as representatives for the community.

Key duties include hiring and evaluating the library director, managing the budget, ensuring legal compliance, and advocating for the library within the community.

Little Dixie Regional Libraries Board

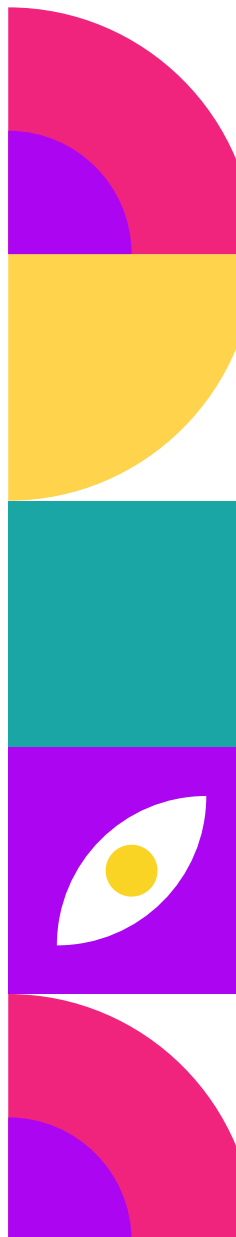
- Paula Delaney, President
- Jackie St. Clair, Vice President
- Becky Vanlandingham, Treasurer
- Deborah Regan, Board Appointed Secretary

Randolph County Library Board

- Troy Bock, President
- Jackie St. Clair, Vice President
- Robert H. Brandon, Treasurer
- Barb Knaebel
- Diana Taylor

Monroe County Library Board

- Ellen Miller, President
- Nancy Bierly, Vice President
- Becky Vanlandingham, Treasurer
- Camille Smith
- Paula Delaney

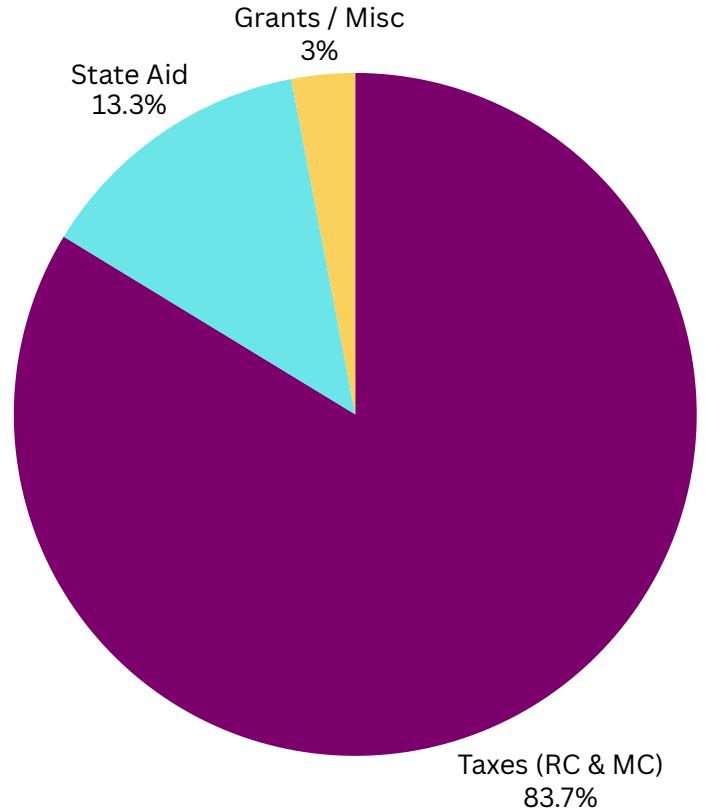


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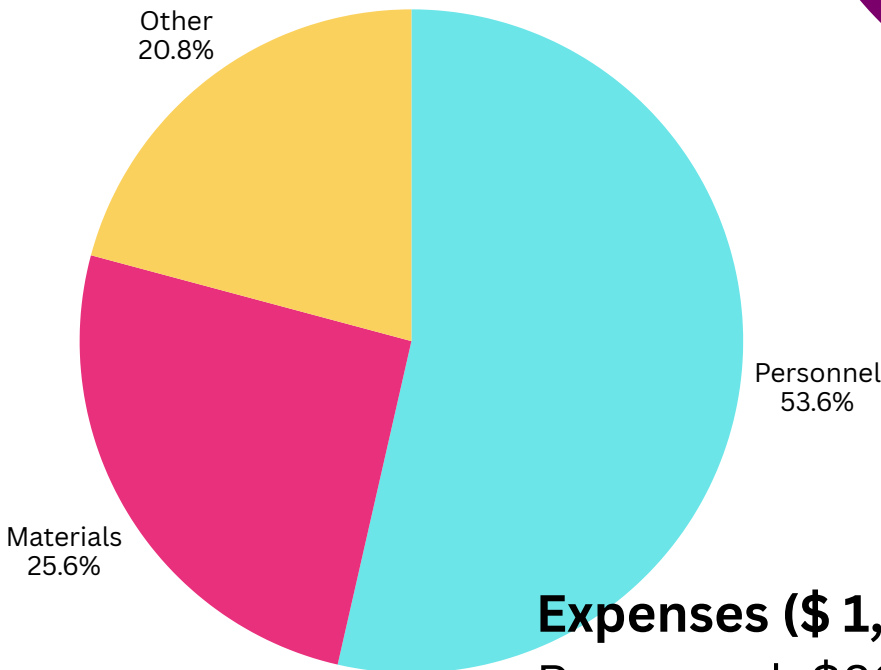
Income (\$1,670,136)

Taxes: \$ 1,563,414
State Aid: \$ 50,629
Grants: \$ 45,026
Miscellaneous Income: \$ 11,067

2025 Income



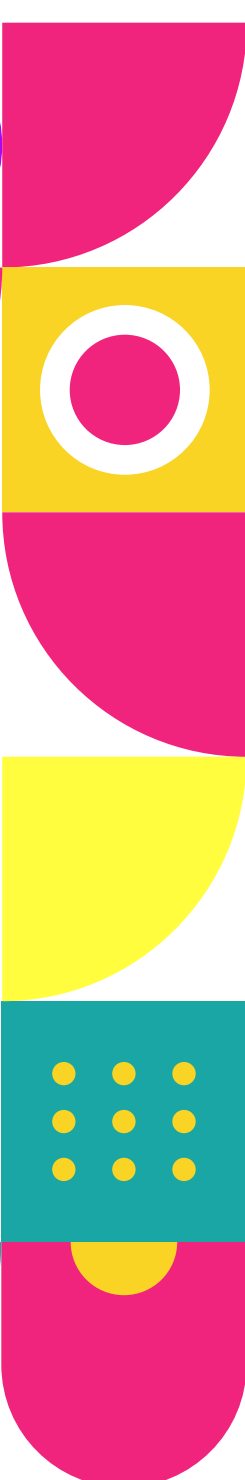
2025 Expenditures



Expenses (\$ 1,864,678)

Personnel: \$890,979
Materials: \$248,536
Other (Utilities, Internet, etc.): \$725,163





2025 LIBRARY CARD
HOLDERS

15,207

2025 CARDS ISSUED

1,100

new cards

MOBERLY LIBRARY
VISITS

54,675

DID YOU KNOW?

While many visit for books, others utilize the library for free high-speed internet, job application assistance, accessing public services, free programming, and finding shelter from the weather.



BY THE NUMBERS...MATERIALS

Materials sent to other libraries (21,024 items)

- **Huntsville:** 2,870
- **Madison:** 1,689
- **Paris:** 2,747
- **Moberly:** 13,718

Materials received from other libraries (9,533 items)

- **Huntsville:** 2,870
- **Madison:** 1,689
- **Paris:** 2,747
- **Moberly:** 13,718

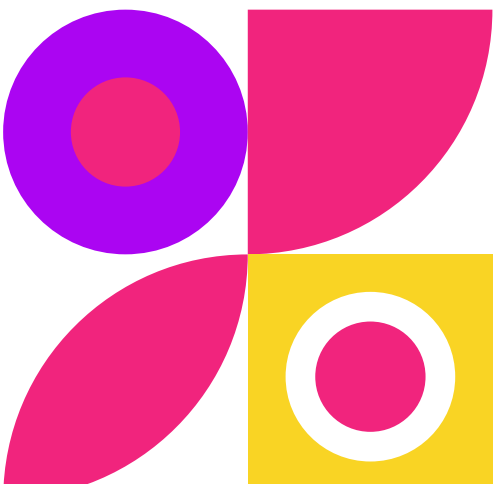
Materials added to the collection (8,539 items)

- **Huntsville:** 1,900
- **Madison:** 1,716
- **Paris:** 2,143
- **Moberly:** 2,780

MATERIALS OWNED
IN 2025

161,769

BOOKS, MOVIES, MUSIC
AND MORE



2025 TOTAL PHYSICAL
MATERIAL CIRCULATION

172,072

BY THE NUMBERS...CIRCULATION

Physical Materials checked out (113,470 items)

- **Huntsville:** 7,034
- **Madison:** 5,898
- **Paris:** 13,594
- **Moberly:** 86,944

In-Library Computer Use (8,539 checkouts)

- **Huntsville:** 486
- **Madison:** 142
- **Paris:** 655
- **Moberly:** 2,780

Free Wi-Fi Use at Library Buildings (23,982 uses)

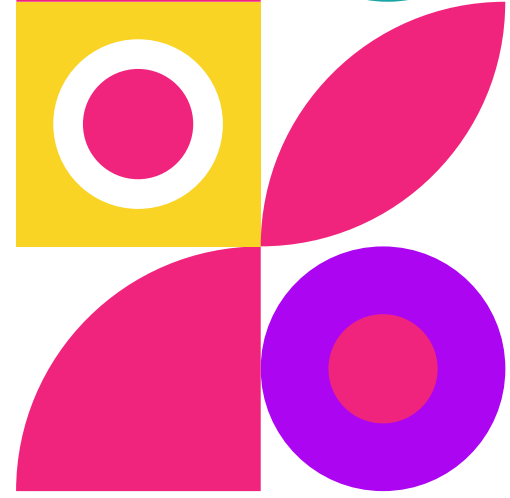
- **Huntsville:** 1,548
- **Madison:** 1,645
- **Paris:** 3,525
- **Moberly:** 17,264

**“Libraries allow children to ask questions about
the world and find the answers.
And the wonderful thing is that once a child
learns to use a library,
the doors to learning are always open.”**

Laura Bush

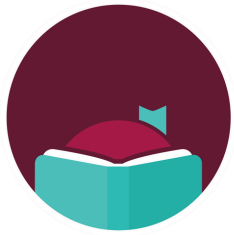
2025 TOTAL ELECTRONIC
LIBRARY CIRCULATION

45,077



BY THE NUMBERS...

CIRCULATION OF ELECTRONIC MATERIALS



Libby.

26,167 items checked out



boundless
by BAKER & TAYLOR

624 items checked out

hoopla

17,224 items checked out

kanopy

1,062 movies



217,149

total items checked out in 2025

BY THE NUMBERS...PROGRAMMING



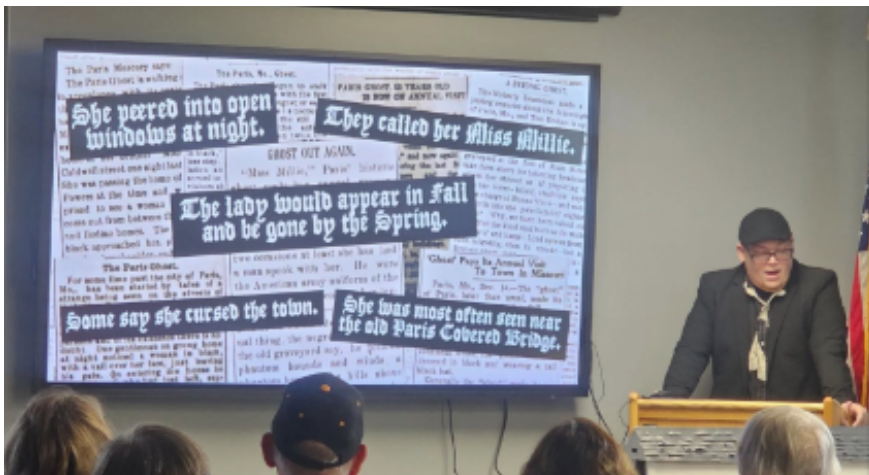
Total Programs: 502

- Early Literacy: 170
- Children: 80
- Teens: 58
- Adults: 143
- All Ages: 51

#s by Location

- Moberly Programs: 228
- Huntsville Programs: 57
- Madison Programs: 41
- Paris Programs: 85
- Off-Site Programming: 91

**Total Attendees:
8,684**





BOOKBOX



Check out the library's form of a FREE subscription box to residents within Randolph and Monroe counties! Trained librarians will hand pick books for you or your child from the library collection based on your wants and needs. Materials will be selected based off of what you like and items will be pulled for pickup on the first week of each and every month. Patrons are able to check out books, audiobooks, large print materials, and graphic novels. Youth book boxes will have up to ten titles within each box while adult book boxes will have between four and six.

Patrons will receive an email when their book box is ready to be picked up, along with library news, library swag, and maybe a sweet treat or two. Library materials are due back the following month by the first Friday.

Book Boxes will be available the first week of every month for pickup. Easy, simple, FREE, and catered to you and your reading tastes. Sign up today at www.ldrl.org/bookbox

HOMEBOUND SERVICES



Are you or is someone you know homebound or have health concerns? Over the age of 65 and just can't get to your library like you want to?

We have a service for that!

Give us a call at 660-263-4426 or email outreach@little-dixie.lib.mo.us and we will arrange for books to be delivered to your home directly to you at no charge. In town delivery or mail delivery to those living outside of the city limits.

“FRIENDS” OF THE LIBRARY

Why become a Friend?

Libraries are more than just buildings filled with books; they are dynamic community hubs that offer invaluable resources and services. From fostering literacy to providing technology access, libraries play a pivotal role in enriching their communities. However, their success often hinges on the active participation and support of local citizens. By engaging in various initiatives, community members can ensure that their library continues to thrive.

All money raised through efforts by our amazing Friends groups stays within their local library!

Thank you for being a friend!



**JOIN
NOW**



Paris
Friends



Moberly
Friends

Thank you for....

- Supporting Library staff attend conferences
- Holding "special" staff days
- Supporting Library programming
- Paying for certain 2025 summer programming
- Hosting an ongoing booksale in the lobby of the Moberly and Paris Libraries