

## Missouri Evergreen Fact Sheet – April 2020

The Missouri Evergreen consortium formed in the summer of 2012 as a way to increase cost-effective resource sharing among Missouri public libraries. Member libraries share an integrated library system (ILS) based on the open source Evergreen software. This allows patrons and staff at member libraries to request books from other member libraries as though they are two branches of the same library system. The Missouri State Library uses LSTA funding via a contract with MOBIUS to provide technical support for this system.

Four libraries founded Missouri Evergreen in the spring of 2012. In the 8 years since that time, the consortium has grown to include 52 libraries. The most recent library to migrate to Missouri Evergreen is Putnam County Library, which went live on April 30, 2020. Three additional libraries are scheduled to “go live” between now and December 2020.

Missouri Evergreen currently has:

**1,495,859 bibliographic records**  
**3,460,767 items**  
**776,780 patrons**

Missouri Evergreen is **first** among all public libraries and consortia in number of registered borrowers:

<b>Library</b>	<b>Registered Borrowers</b>
<b>Missouri Evergreen</b>	<b>776,780</b>
Saint Louis County Library	650,497*
Mid-Continent Public Library	490,323*
Kansas City Public Library	160,786*

Missouri Evergreen is also **FIRST** among all public libraries and consortia in terms of physical collection size:

<b>Library</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>
<b>Missouri Evergreen</b>	<b>3,460,767</b>
Saint Louis Public Library	2,774,276*
Mid-Continent Public Library	2,599,130*
Saint Louis County Library	1,260,900*

Missouri Evergreen demonstrates that patron-initiated requests via the Evergreen system can serve a larger population than traditional interlibrary loan.

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\*Numbers were determined using FY2018 Public Library Survey Data