


# Quotable Facts About Colorado Public Libraries

## OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS

**3.1M**  
Coloradans have a public library card




That's **over 50%** of Coloradans

**51.6M** items circulated annually




or more than **8** items for each person in the state

**99%**




of Colorado public libraries provide free public wifi

**1.6M**  
The number of times users access internet computers at a public library in a year.



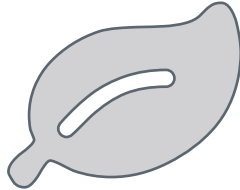
That's more than **4,000** times every day

**156**  
average per-person yearly circulation of digital and physical items for people with visual, physical, or learning disabilities



thanks to the Colorado Talking Book Library

**5,881**  
**free state parks passes**



were checked out using the Check Out Colorado State Parks program in one year. That's **113 checkouts** per week!

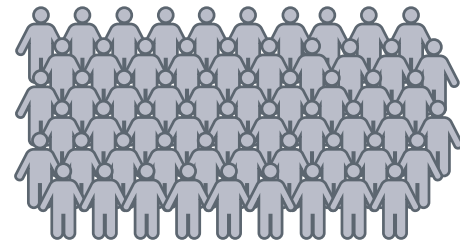
## OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING

**1,619**  
**Take and Make Kits Circulated**




These kits contain fun and engaging hands-on activities for all ages!

**3,412** public library staff

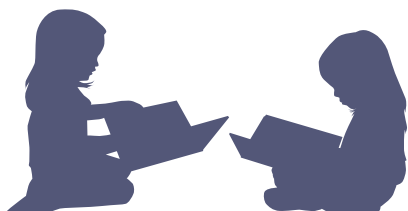


keep Colorado's public libraries running

**2.1 million**  
reference questions answered by public librarians each year

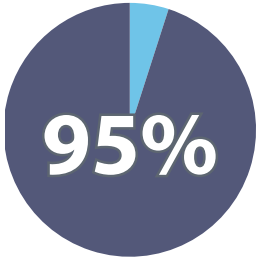


Nearly **17,000**  
**childrens' programs offered each year at Colorado public libraries**



## OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY

**95%**

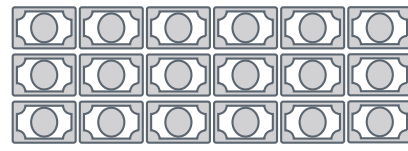


of public libraries report partnering with groups or organizations to better serve their community in the past year

Over **2 times**  
as many public libraries in Colorado as King Soopers grocery stores

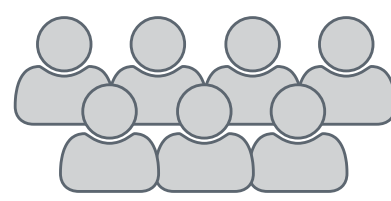


**978,610**  
people attended **30,610** library programs in 2021



If they had gone to a movie instead, it would have cost them over **\$9 million**

**13.2M**  
public library visits annually



Over **3 times** the annual attendance of every professional sporting event in Colorado combined

## FIND OPPORTUNITY AT COLORADO'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Resources for statistics: [www.lrs.org/quotable-facts-resources-2022/](http://www.lrs.org/quotable-facts-resources-2022/)

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