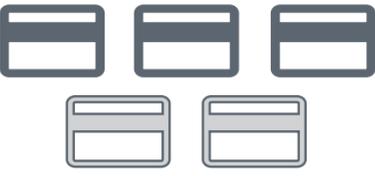


# Quotable Facts About Colorado Public Libraries

## 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!

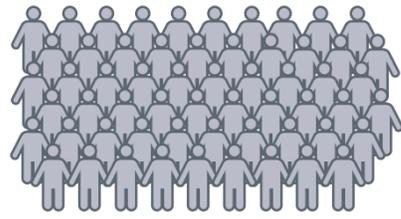
## OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING

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



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

**3,412** public library staff



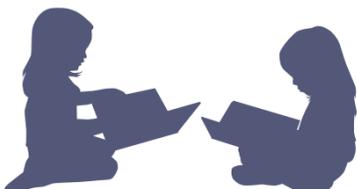
keep Colorado's public libraries running

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



start a business  
 research your family  
 apply for Social Security online  
 scholarships and financial aid

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



## OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY

**95%**

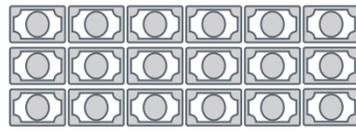


of public libraries report partnering with groups or organizations to better serve their community in the past year

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

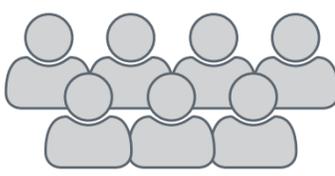


**978,610**  
 people attended **30,610** library programs in 2021



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

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