

BIG Facts about Colorado Libraries

Statistic	Academic ¹	Public ²	School ³	Total
Libraries/branches	67, 52 branches	115, 101 central libraries, 149 branches	1,416	1,598, 1,785 outlets
ALA-MLS librarians (FTE)	332	538	451 ⁶	1,321
Total staff (FTE)	1,146	2,904	1,705 ⁶	5,755
Book volumes	15.5 million	12.0 million	13.8 million	41.3 million
Subscriptions	294,523	26,817	17,078	338,418
Collection expenditures	\$38.9 million	\$30.4 million	\$6.7 million	\$76.0 million
Total operating expenditures	\$91.2 million	\$226.5 million	N/A	\$317.7 million ⁴
Visits	13.5 million	30.7 million	17.9 million (individual), 972,360 (group)	62.1 million ⁵
Circulation	3.1 million	58.2 million	24.1 million	85.4 million
Reference questions	522,028	5.7 million	N/A	6.2 million ⁴
Programs	6,677	78,682	N/A	85,359 ⁴
Program attendance	107,784	1.9 million	N/A	2.08 million ⁴
Computers	N/A	3,971	39,286	43,257 ⁷

¹ Academic library numbers are based on 2006 data

² Public library numbers are based on 2008 data

³ School library numbers are based on 2009 data

⁴ Excludes school libraries

⁵ Excludes individuals involved in group visits to school libraries

⁶ Librarians are those with Colorado endorsement rather than ALA-MLS degrees, 2008 data

⁷ Excludes Academic Libraries

Sources

Academic libraries: http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/aca_data.asp

Public libraries: http://www.lrs.org/pub_stats.php

School libraries: http://www.lrs.org/school_stats.php

