

BIG Facts about Colorado Libraries

Statistic	Academic ¹	Public ²	School ³	Total
Libraries/branches	67, 52 branches	114, 100 central libraries, 152 branches	1,466	1,647, 1,787 outlets
ALA-MLS librarians (FTE)	332	519	489 ⁶	1,340
Total staff (FTE)	1,146	3020	1,572 ⁶	5,738
Book volumes	15.5 million	11.9 million	13.3 million	40.7 million
Subscriptions	294,523	28,492	14,657	337,672
Collection expenditures	\$38.9 million	\$31.0 million	\$5.9 million	\$75.8 million
Total operating expenditures	\$91.2 million	\$238.2 million	N/A	\$329.4 million ⁴
Visits	13.5 million	32.8 million	22.2 million (individual), 1.1 million (group)	68.5 million ⁵
Circulation	3.1 million	63.6 million	28 million	94.7 million
Reference questions	522,028	5.8 million	N/A	6.3 million ⁴
Programs	6,677	77,399	N/A	84,076 ⁴
Program attendance	107,784	1.8 million	N/A	1.9 million ⁴
Computers	N/A	4,180	44,378	48,558 ⁷

¹ Academic library numbers are based on 2006 data

² Public library numbers are based on 2009 data

³ School library numbers are estimated by weighting responses to the 2010-11 School Library Survey

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, 2011 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