

BIG Facts about Colorado Libraries

Statistic	Academic ¹	Public ²	School ³	Total
Libraries/branches	67, 52 branches	114 jurisdictions, 99 central libraries, 151 branches	1,466	1,647, 1,787 outlets
ALA-MLS librarians (FTE)	332	550	489 ⁶	1,340
Total staff (FTE)	1,146	2,886	1,572 ⁶	5,738
Book volumes (print)	15.5 million	11.4 million	13.3 million	40.7 million
Subscriptions	294,523	21,718	14,657	337,672
Collection expenditures	\$38.9 million	\$31.5 million	\$5.9 million	\$75.8 million
Total operating expenditures	\$91.2 million	\$239.1 million	N/A	\$329.4 million ⁴
Visits	13.5 million	32.5 million	22.2 million (individual), 1.1 million (group)	68.5 million ⁵
Circulation	3.1 million	64.7 million	28 million	94.7 million
Reference questions	522,028	4.9 million	N/A	6.3 million ⁴
Programs	6,677	89,825	N/A	84,076 ⁴
Program attendance	107,784	2.1 million	N/A	1.9 million ⁴
Computers	N/A	5,331	44,378	48,558 ⁷

¹ Academic library numbers are based on 2006 data

² Public library numbers are based on 2011 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