

In 2004, Coloradans borrowed more items from libraries (96.5 million) than purchased Powerball tickets (80.4 million).



Did You Know...

More people visited Colorado libraries (58 million) in 2004 than traveled through Denver International Airport (42.4 million).

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Quotable Facts About Colorado Libraries

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Academic Libraries

- Colorado has 66 academic institutions with libraries in 90 locations.
- Nearly 1,000 people are employed at academic libraries in Colorado. Of these, 275 are credentialed librarians.
- Colorado academic libraries spent over \$40 million on books, periodicals and other materials in 2004.



School Libraries

- Colorado has a total of 1,401 school libraries, outnumbering McDonald's restaurants nearly 8 to 1.
- 823 credentialed librarians teach students in Colorado's K-12 school libraries.
- Annually, over 18 million individual visits are made to Colorado school libraries ~ averaging 22,300 visits a year per school librarian.

Public Libraries

- Colorado has 241 public library locations compared to 95 bookstores.
- Nearly 2,500 people are employed at public libraries across the state.
- Public librarians assisted patrons with over 5 million questions in 2004 ~ more than 31 questions a day per librarian.
- Attendance at public library programs surpassed 1.4 million in 2004 ~ equivalent to selling out Invesco Field at Mile High 20 times.

The Colorado Talking Book Library sends an average of 6,518 talking-books (audio-cassettes) per week to its patrons. That's over 338,000 per year!