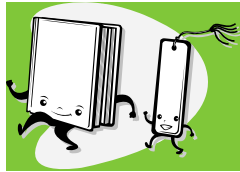


Coloradans borrow 78.8 million items from libraries annually. That's 16 items for every person in the state (4.86 million).



Did You Know...

More people visit Colorado libraries annually (54.6 million) than traveled through Denver International Airport (49.9 million) in 2007.

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Quotable Facts About Colorado Libraries

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Academic Libraries

- Colorado has 67 academic libraries in 53 locations.
- There are 294 full-time equivalent (FTE) librarians in addition to 727 FTE staff at academic libraries in Colorado.
- Colorado academic libraries spent \$35.5 million on books, periodicals and other materials in 2006.



School Libraries

- Colorado has a total of 1,413 school libraries, outnumbering Starbucks locations more than 3 to 1.
- 817 full-time equivalent school librarians teach students in Colorado's K-12 school libraries.
- Annually, over 14.7 million individual visits are made to Colorado school libraries ~ averaging 17,993 visits a year per school librarian.

Public Libraries

- Colorado has 248 public library locations, compared to 186 movie theaters.
- There are 2,809 full-time equivalent staff positions at public libraries across the state.
- Public librarians assisted patrons with 5.3 million questions in 2007.
- Attendance at public library programs reached 1.6 million in 2007 ~ equivalent to selling out Invesco Field at Mile High over 21 times.

The Colorado Talking Book Library sends an average of 6,518 talking-books (audio-cassettes) per week to its patrons. That's nearly 339,000 per year!