

# BIG Facts about Colorado Libraries

Statistic	Academic <sup>1</sup>	Public <sup>2</sup>	School <sup>3</sup>	Total
Libraries/branches	71, 28 branches	114 jurisdictions, 96 central libraries, 158 branches	1,227	1,412, 1,580 outlets
ALA-MLS librarians (FTE)	326	610	433 <sup>4</sup>	1,369
Total staff (FTE)	1,199	2,995	1,415	5,609
Book volumes (print)	19 million	10.8 million	19.4 million	49.2 million
E-books	5.8 million	1.2 million	243,810	7.2 million
Collection expenditures	\$44.4 million	\$24.2 million	\$6.9 million <sup>5</sup>	\$75.5 million
Total operating expenditures	\$101.3 million	\$256.4 million	\$10.4 million <sup>5</sup>	\$368.2 million
Visits	9.6 million	32.4 million	28.5 million (individual), 1.5 million (group)	72.1 million
Circulation	4.9 million	65.6 million	78.4 million	148.9 million
Reference questions	447,945	4.2 million	n/a	4.6 million
Programs	8,327	98,795	n/a	107,122
Program attendance	144,285	2.4 million	n/a	2.6 million
Computers	n/a	6,012	430,406	436,418

1. Academic library and branch counts are based on 2012 data for institutions with physical campuses in Colorado.

2. Public library numbers are based on 2013 preliminary data.

3. School library numbers are estimated by weighting responses to the 2013-14 School Library Survey.

4. Librarians are those with Colorado endorsement rather than ALA-MLS degrees, according to 2012 Colorado Department of Education data.

5. School library data refers to budget figures for information resources and operations.



## Sources

Academic libraries: [http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/aca\\_data.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/aca_data.asp)

Public libraries: <http://www.lrs.org/data-tools/public-libraries/annual-statistics/>

School libraries: <http://www.lrs.org/data-tools/school-libraries/annual-statistics/>