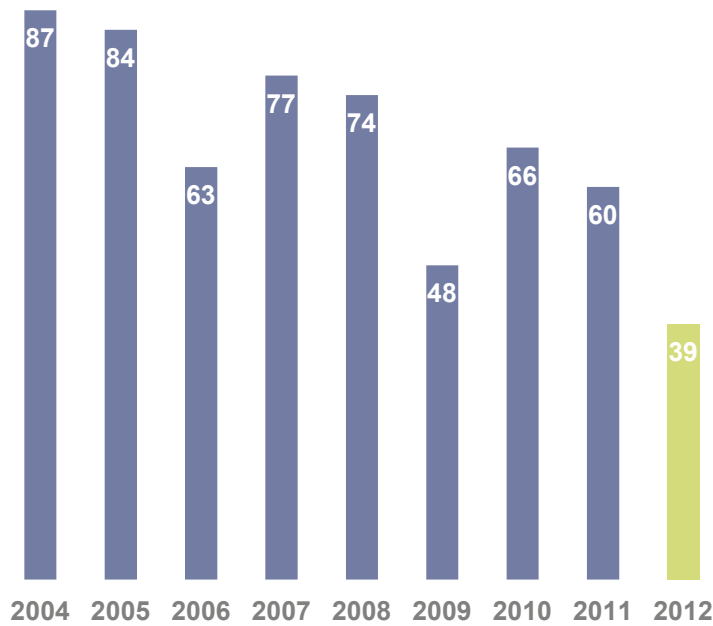


# Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries, 2012

Every year, the Library Research Service's Public Library Annual Report surveys Colorado public libraries about challenges to their materials or services. The libraries that report receiving one or more challenges are then asked to provide additional information. This Fast Facts addresses the number, nature, and outcome of the challenges that occurred in 2012.

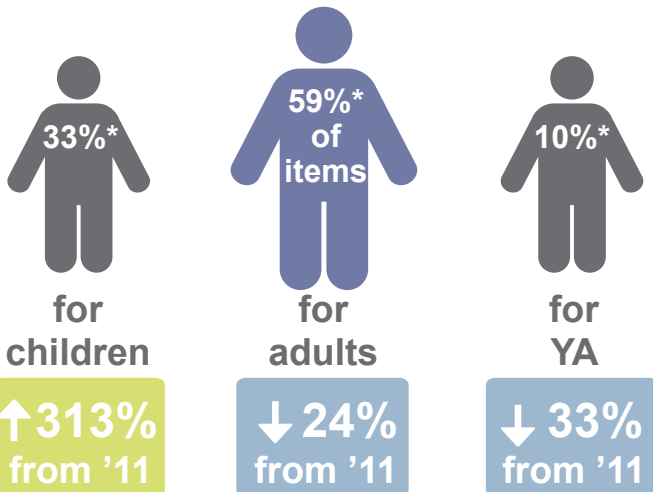
## Number of Challenges



### What is a challenge?

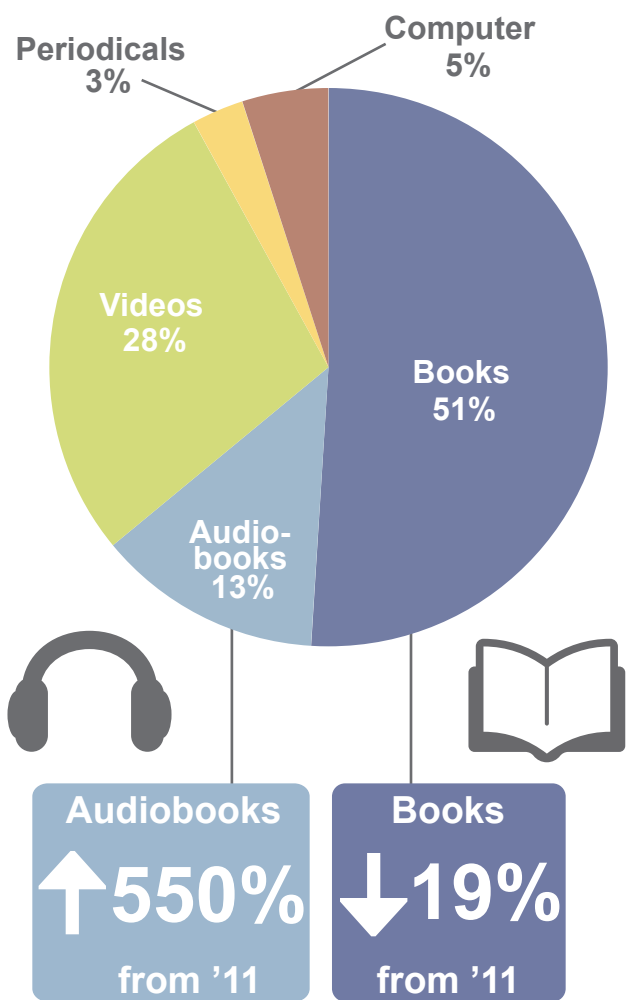
A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group (<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/about>).

## Who was the intended audience for the challenged items?

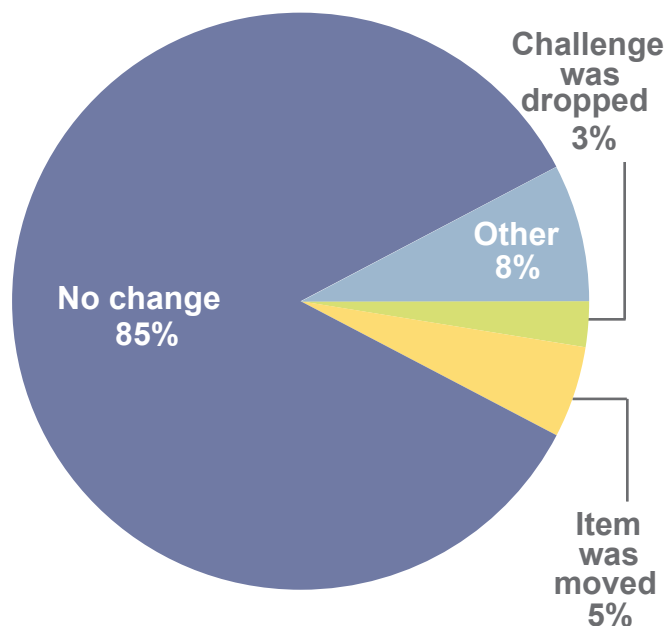


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## Format of the Challenged Items



## How was the challenge resolved?



## Reasons for the Challenges

Reason	Percentage*
Sexually explicit	56%
Unsuited to age group	38%
Nudity	21%
Violence	13%
Homosexuality	8%

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