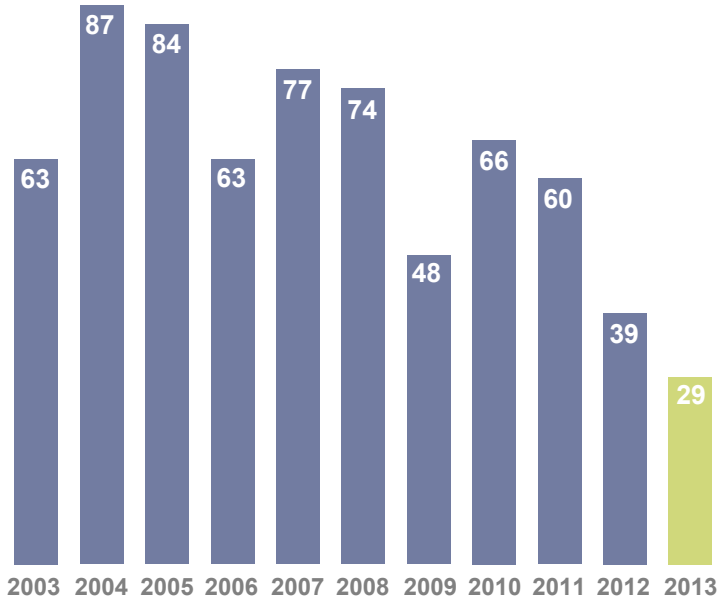


Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries, 2013

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 2013. *Note: Three libraries did not provide details about their challenges, therefore format, audience, reason, and result data reflect only those libraries that did provide this information.*

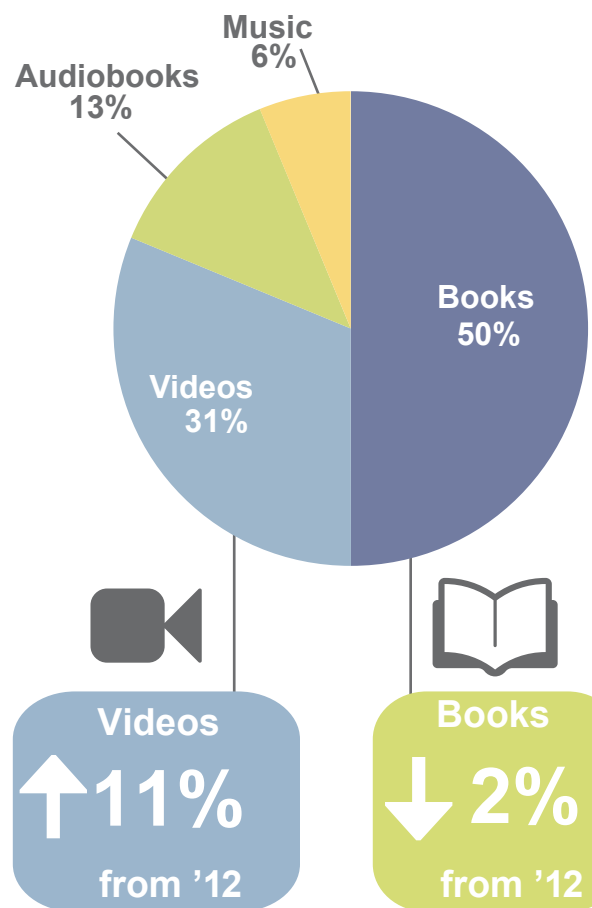
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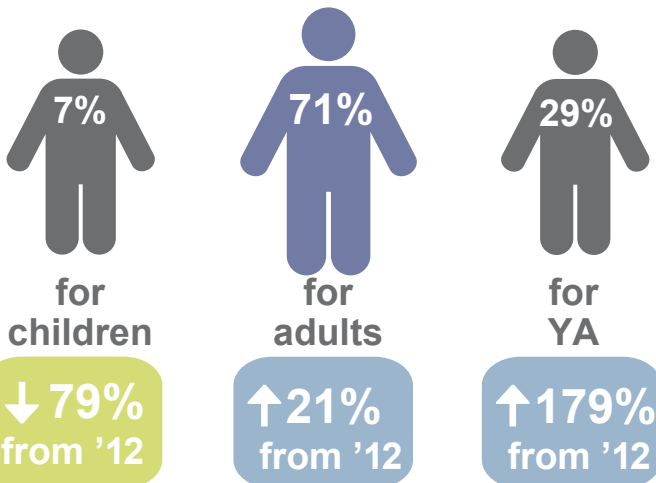
What is a challenge?

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

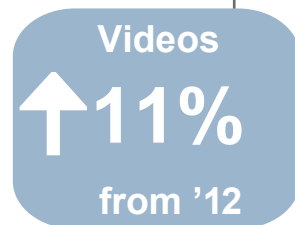
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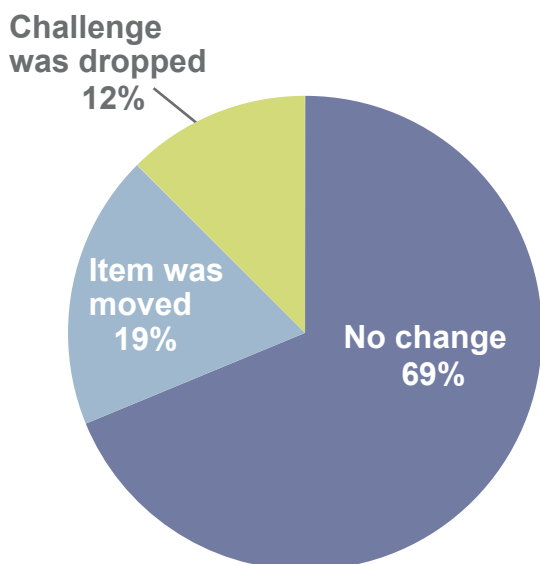
Who was the intended audience for the challenged items?*



*Among challenges that indicated an audience. Items could be classified in more than one category.



How was the challenge resolved?



Reasons for the Challenges

Reason	Percentage*
Sexually explicit	69%
Violence	31%
Unsuited to age group	25%
Offensive language	25%
Nudity, sexism, insensitivity, other	19%

*Items could be challenged for more than one reason. These percentages were calculated based on the total number of items.