In 2013, the Colorado State Library administered almost $2 million in grants from the State Grants to Libraries Act (CRS 24-90-401) to 290 academic, school, and public libraries across Colorado. With a minimum award of $3,000, the grant funds more than doubled the collection budgets for 41 recipients, transforming one from a “museum of old books” to one that appeals to readers with current books. Here’s a first look at data about how these funds were used.

Note: These figures represent preliminary data current as of September 11, 2014.

**QUICK FACTS**

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**PRINT BOOKS**

- We saw circulation rise by 13-29% at two branches because we can offer more targeted resources customers want and need.
- 91% of grantees used funding to purchase print books totaling nearly 140,000 books
- It was a new book extravaganza! We were able to weed many aged and ragamuffin books. We refreshed our collection and it reignited our love for reading!
- Our summer reading program doubled this year – in part because of the appeal of the new books.

**E-BOOKS**

- We are a 1:1 technology district, and this allowed us to expand our digital resources. It is helping us transform the way students think and learn.
- 38% of grantees used funding to purchase e-books totaling about 10,000 titles
- High quality digital resources equitably spread across all of our buildings and grade levels – all at a reasonable price point.
- Media enhanced books come alive.
- This saved our district an incredible sum of money.

**DATABASES**

- 52% of grantees used funding to subscribe to electronic databases
  - Encyclopedia Britannica allows students to explore subject areas and make connections using a reliable source.
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