2014-15 Annual Colorado School Library Survey Highlights

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LIBRARY RESOURCE ACCESS

- 791,108 e-books (4%)
- 17,001,384 books (95%)
- 14,024 <1% print subscriptions
- 1,134,936 online automated catalog
- 791,108 school library website
- 98% online automated catalog
- 96% wireless internet
- 90% link from school homepage to library website/catalog
- 90% school library website

STATEWIDE ESTIMATES

LIBRARY COLLECTION

SURVEY RESPONSES

- 93% librarians participate in school committees
- 91% librarians meet regularly with principal
- 84% librarians provide in-service training

TOP 5 TEACHING APPROACHES
used by endorsed librarians at least weekly

- 72% help students use a variety of sources when information-gathering
- 71% help students use technology to organize and share information
- 70% teach students how to use digital resources
- 63% help students apply critical-thinking skills
- 56% help students evaluate the credibility of information sources

PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT
of school libraries staffed by an endorsed librarian

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