The Colorado School Library Survey is administered each year by the Library Research Service, an office of the Colorado State Library. All traditional K-12 public educational institutions in Colorado are invited to participate. This report highlights results from the 2015-16 Colorado School Library Survey, which had a 37% response rate.

**LIBRARY USE & RESOURCES**

**LIBRARY USE DURING A TYPICAL SCHOOL WEEK**

- **13** print material uses per student
- **4** e-book and other download uses per 100 students
- **1** visit per student
- **4** group visits per 100 students

**MEDIAN NUMBER OF ITEMS**

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<th>Grade</th>
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**LIBRARY’S VIRTUAL PRESENCE**

- Online automated catalog: 99%
- Wireless internet: 95%
- Link from school homepage to library website/catalog: 86%
- School library website: 78%

**INSTRUCTIONAL ENVIRONMENT & VIRTUAL PRESENCE**

**TOP 5 TEACHING APPROACHES** used by endorsed librarians at least weekly

- **65%** teach students how to use digital resources
- **64%** help students use a variety of sources when information-gathering
- **63%** help students use technology to organize and share information
- **57%** help students apply critical-thinking skills
- **51%** help students evaluate the credibility of information sources

**PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT** of school libraries staffed by an endorsed librarian

- **93%** librarians participate in school committees
- **91%** librarians meet regularly with principal
- **82%** librarians provide in-service training

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