



# Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries 2019

Every year, Library Research Service 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.

A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based on the objections of a person or group ([www.ala.org/tools/challenge-support](http://www.ala.org/tools/challenge-support))



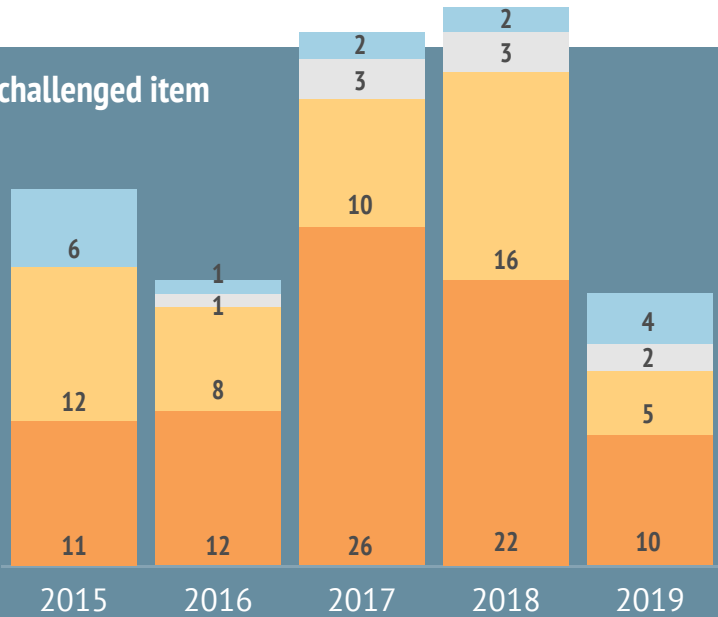
**21** challenges in 2019



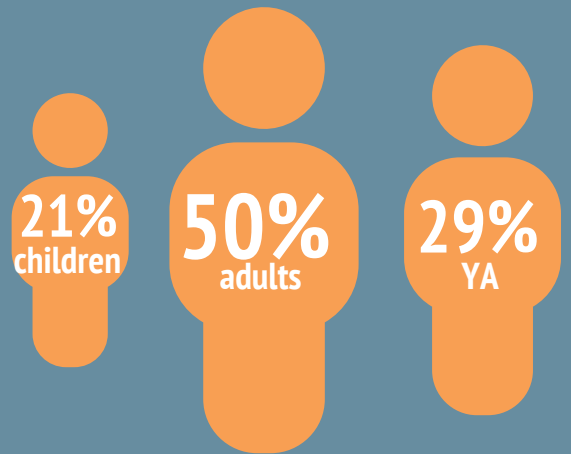
**51%** decrease in number of challenges from 2018 to 2019

## Format of challenged item

- Book
- Video
- Computer
- Other



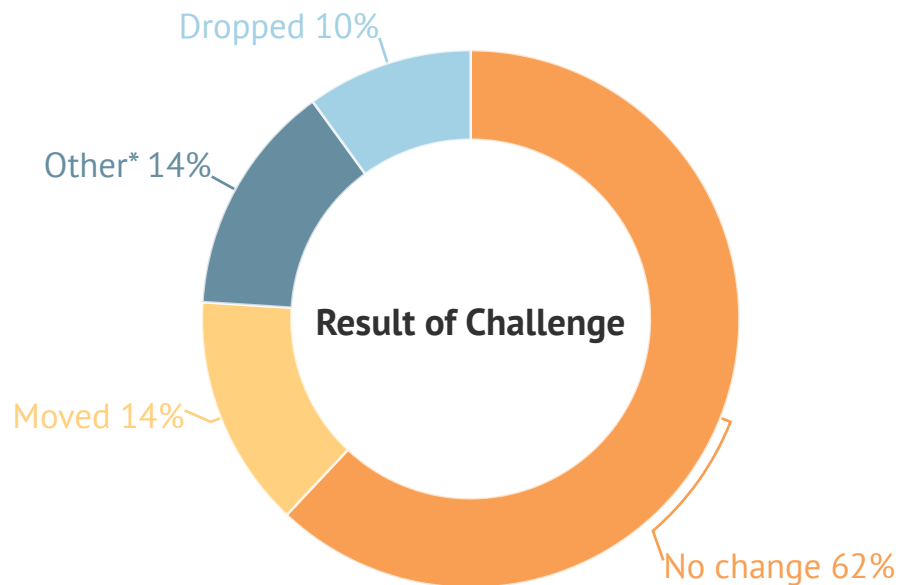
## Intended audience for challenged item



\*Items could be classified in more than one category

Reason for challenge	Count
Unsuited to age group	6
Homosexuality	4
Violence	4
Insensitivity	4
Sexually explicit	4
Offensive language	3
Nudity	2
Other, including anti-family (1), racism (1), religious (1), satanism (1), sex education (1), sexism (1), and other (3)	8

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\*Explanations of "other" included moving the YA shelf with the challenged item closer to the adult section, and prohibiting first-person shooters on computers in areas designed for younger children.