

# Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries 2020

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/challengesupport](http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport)).

There were 10 challenges in 2020 which is a 52% decrease in number of challenges from 2019.

## Format of challenged item

Year	Book count	Video count	Computer count	Other Count
2016	12	8	1	1
2017	26	10	3	2
2018	22	16	3	2
2019	10	5	2	4
2020	10	1	1	2

## Intended audience for challenged item

(Items could be classified in more than one category.)

- For children – 50%
- For YA – 30%
- For adults – 40%

## Top Reasons for the Challenges

(Items could be challenged for more than one reason.)

Reason	Count
Political Viewpoint	3
Insensitivity	3
Sex Education	3
Sexually explicit	2
Religious Viewpoint	2
Unsuited for Age Group	2
Racism	2

Other, including anti-family, homosexuality, sexism, anti-ethnic, nudity 5

## Result of Challenge

(Explanations of “other” included explaining to patron why material was present, warning patron against accessing explicit content that the patron challenged should be available, and reducing the number of copies of a book.

- No change – 70%
- Other – 30%

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