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).

10 challenges in 2020

52% decrease in number of challenges from 2018 to 2019

Format of challenged item

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Intended audience for challenged item

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

*Items could be classified in more than one category

Reason for challenge

- Political Viewpoint: 3
- Insensitivity: 3
- Sex Education: 3
- Sexually explicit: 2
- Religious Viewpoint: 2
- Unsuit for Age Group: 2
- Racism: 2
- Other, including anti-family, homosexuality, sexism, anti-ethnic, nudity: 5

*Items could be challenged for more than one reason.

Result of Challenge

- No change 70%
- Other 30%

*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.

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