



Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries 2021

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.



20 challenges in 2021

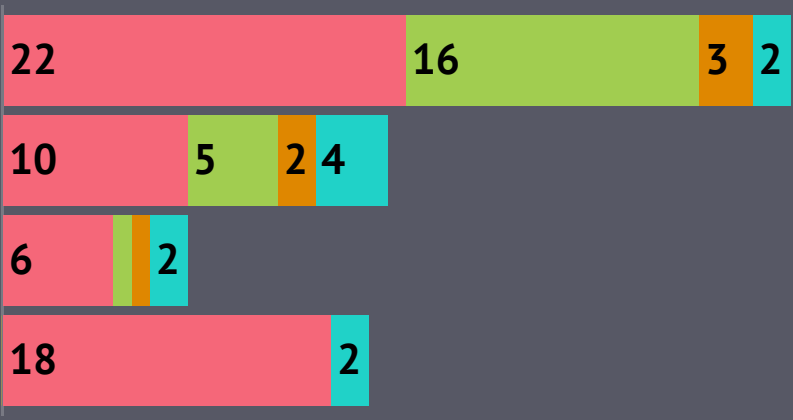


100% increase in number of challenges from 2020 to 2021

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)

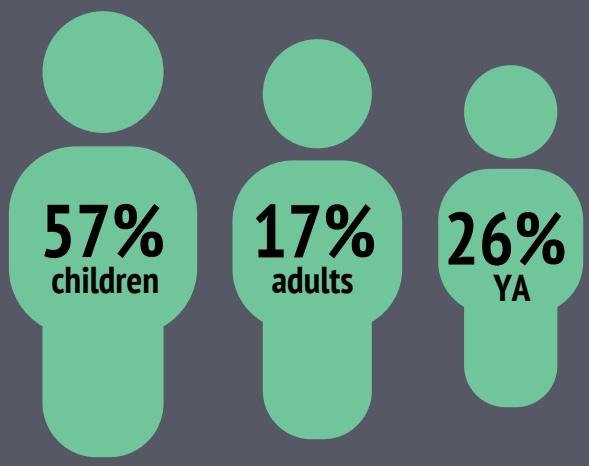
Format of challenged item

2018
2019
2020
2021



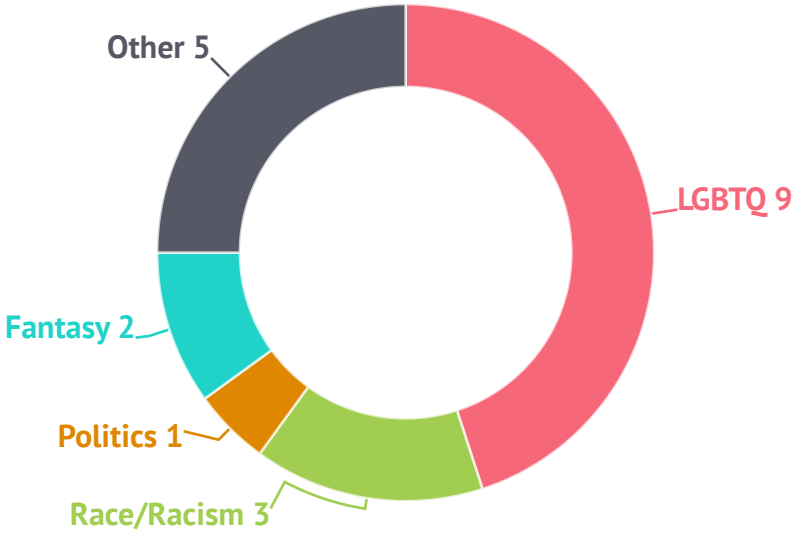
● Book ● Video ● Computer ● Other
*Other includes programs and displays

Intended audience for challenged item



*Items could be classified in more than one category

Topic of Challenged Item



*Items could be challenged for reasons other than the topic.
**"Other" includes items that are not about explicitly about a topic

Result of Challenge



● Dropped ● Moved ● No change ● Other

*Explanations of "other" included event cancellation and incomplete reporting.

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