

Quotable Facts About Colorado Public Libraries

Opportunity to Access:

- 3.1M Coloradans have a public library card. That's over 50% of Coloradans.
- 51.6M items are circulated annually or more than 8 items for each person in the state.
- 99% of Colorado public libraries provide free public wifi.
- 1.6M- The number of times users access internet computers at a public library in a year. That's more than 4,000 times every day.
- 156 average per-person yearly circulation of digital and physical items for people with visual, physical, or learning disabilities thanks to the Colorado Talking Book Library
- 5,881 free state parks passes were checked out using the Check Out Colorado State Parks program in one year. That's 113 checkouts per week!

Opportunity for Learning:

- 1,619 Take and Make Kits Circulated. These kits contain fun and engaging hands-on activities for all ages!
- 3,412 public library staff keep Colorado's public libraries running.
- 2.1 million reference questions answered by public librarians each year.
- Nearly 17,000 children's programs are offered each year at Colorado public libraries.

Opportunity for Community:

- 95% of public libraries report partnering with groups or organizations to better serve their community in the past year. That's over 2 times as many public libraries in Colorado as King Soopers grocery stores.
- 978,610 people attended library programs in 2021. If they had gone to a movie instead, it would have cost them over \$9 million.
- 13.2M public library visits annually. That's over 3 times the annual attendance of every professional sporting event in Colorado combined.

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