

# SWIFT Fast Facts

SWIFT, formerly known as Statewide Interlibrary Loan Fast Track, is an interlibrary loan (ILL) service for libraries, allowing patrons and/or staff to search and place requests for materials located in member libraries throughout the state of Colorado. The service was originally launched in 2000 but has since migrated to Innovative Interface's INN-Reach software, joining the Prospector service of the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. Below is a timeline of this migration and the growth this service experienced as a result.

## 2020

December 8th, 2020: The Prospector migration begins for lending and patron initiated borrowing at four public libraries and staff initiated borrowing at one public library.

By the end of 2020, nine more libraries, including one academic library, had begun migrating their systems.

## 2021

In February 2021, all but two of the current actively participating correctional facilities were set up with staff-initiated borrowing capabilities.

By March, 42 more public or academic libraries were set up for staff-initiated borrowing, and one more had been migrated for lending and patron-initiated borrowing.

By the end of August 2021, all but two of the libraries currently participating in staff-initiated borrowing were migrated for this capability.

## 2022

In April 2022, all of the four Early Adopter libraries and one additional library were migrated for lending, making them now capable of all three functionalities (lending as well as both staff and patron initiated borrowing).

In September 2022, eleven more libraries (including rural public libraries, federal correctional institutions, and a mental health institution) were migrated for staff initiated borrowing capabilities.

## 2023

By September 2023, another 58 libraries were set up for lending and/or patron-initiated borrowing capabilities.

In 2023, 175,132 of the 591,464 total SWIFT titles available were unique.

There was a 185% increase in the number of items SWIFT libraries contributed to Prospector from 2022 (349,143) to 2023 (993,851).

## 2024

By October 2024, another 23 libraries had added patron initiated borrowing capabilities.

## Today

125/136 SWIFT libraries are migrated to Prospector.

There are 86 public libraries, 29 correctional, 15 academic, and 6 special libraries participating.

22/29 correctional libraries are currently actively participating. 22,804 items were borrowed by correctional libraries in 2024.

45% of all items borrowed through SWIFT in 2024 were borrowed by correctional facilities.

Usage by year is as follows:

2020: 450 lent, 403 borrowed

2021: 13987 lent, 22914 borrowed

2022: 19885 lent, 32502 borrowed

2023: 30748 lent, 38827 borrowed

2024: 51187 lent, 50337 borrowed

48/53 total public libraries designated as rural in Colorado participate.

There was a 215% increase in the number of people living within a public or academic service area with SWIFT borrowing capabilities from 2020 (260,301) to present (819,770).

From 2020 to 2024, 116,257 items were lent, and 144,983 items were borrowed! This was accomplished by libraries using lending (67), staff-initiated borrowing (32), and patron-initiated borrowing (93).

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