

# CSL Resources Fast Facts

Colorado State Library (CSL) resources are collections of book club sets and resource kits that are lent to libraries thanks to the statewide courier system. The Book Club Resource was established in the late 2000s with a handful of sets and has expanded significantly in the past four years to now contain around 1,300 titles. Over 50% of book club sets were donated by Colorado libraries (giving weeded sets a new lease on life!), authors, publishers, and a nonprofit. All sets have eight or more copies and come with tailored discussion questions and other conversation materials, games, and ice breakers. The CSL Kits collection contains a variety of useful, imaginative, and fun materials in categories ranging from STEAM, library programming, early literacy, archival technology, games and more!

## Borrowers

204 libraries and branches hold active accounts for borrowing CSL resources.

- 149 public libraries
- 24 school libraries
- 13 correctional libraries
- 7 academic libraries
- 11 other types of institutions

Other includes a medical library, a theatre, museums, historic societies, and more!

What they're saying about kits...

"I used this kit to supplement a homeschool group. They were mesmerized! We spent 1 1/2 hours exploring, thinking, hypothesizing, and observing. Thank you for the adventure."

"Thank you so much for the extended lending of the curiosities box! We had a blast & used the exploratory elements with multiple groups & all ages."

"Our little patrons LOVED getting a close up look at all the items. Thank you for providing and sharing this kit with us!"

## Book Club Sets

Of the around 1,300 sets, 1,044 were added since January 2020 and the collection now includes...

- 153 titles by Colorado authors
- 77 Spanish language materials
- 137 titles that have been banned or received challenges in the U.S.

## Most Popular Titles

- Nothing Daunted
- Lessons in Chemistry
- The Rosie Project

## Checkouts

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Checkouts	118	96	119	180	295	486

## Titles Available\*

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Checkouts	244	313	445	659	892	1178	1298

\*Collection size reported in April each year.

## What they're saying about book club sets...

"I am so grateful for these book club kits! Our small rural library can't afford to purchase multiple copies for book club, so we utilize these several times throughout the year. It is nice to know we will have enough copies (as opposed to ILL-ing copies and hoping they all arrive on time) and that the renewal situation is generous. Thank you!"

## Satisfaction

90% of survey respondents that had used the book club resource were satisfied or very satisfied with it.

## CSL Kits

### Satisfaction

94% of survey respondents that had used kits were satisfied or very satisfied with them.

## Checkouts

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Checkouts	79	44	108	90	103	184

## Kits Available

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Checkouts	21	21	22	26	42	54	59

Of the 59 different kits, the most popular are...

1. Fossils in the Classroom
2. Be a NASA detective: expanding your senses
3. Digital Creation Kit
4. VR in the Library: Oculus Go

## 5. NASA Sun-Earth-Moon Connections

### Final Notes

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