

State Grants to Libraries

FY 24-25 Close Out Survey Results

"We were able to use a portion of the grant funds to purchase leisure reading materials that encourage reading and learning for pleasure, personal growth, and stress-relief. Life-long learning and mental wellbeing, especially for young adults, are core campus values and the library supports those values." -Western Colorado University

"The state grant to our library has significantly benefited our community by funding educational resources, improving literacy and enhancing learning. I love to see our students' smiles when I have new material for them to read" -Agate 300

"These funds provided additional text resources to support the instruction received and minimized regression for each student." -District 49

99% of libraries receiving State Grants to Libraries said that the funds were essential or important for one or more of the goals listed below:

Goals	Essential	Important	Total
Updating the library's collection	70%	24%	94%
Purchasing materials targeted to fill unmet need	67%	26%	93%
Increasing materials circulation	51%	36%	87%
Purchasing items to increase library/library website visits	26.5%	25.5%	52%
Increasing attendance at storytime or other programs	18%	27%	45%
Launching a new type of program or service	19%	23%	42%

"This funding allowed us to continue to build up our Spanish books to support our Spanish-speaking population." -West Grand 1-JT

Percent of libraries who purchased...

Material	Percent
Books	87%
E-books	28%
Electronic Database	27%
Audio E-books	19%
Audio Books	18%

Technology	16%
Periodicals	15%
Other	15%
DVDs	5%

"Other" includes cultural passes, STEM kits, and much more!

"Thanks to a grant from the State Grants to Libraries, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is closing a critical equity gap and ensuring every elementary student has the tools they need to succeed. For the first time ever, all K-5 students have access to a universal research database. . . Funding from the State Grants to Libraries has been a game-changer for student equity and success in Adams 12 Five Star Schools." -Adams 12 Five Star Schools

"We cannot overstate how valuable this grant is. It allows us to be more responsive to community needs and purchase a wider and deeper collection." -Durango Public Library

"The East Morgan County Library serves a rural low-income population. In our community, technology, specifically internet access, is not always available. With the State Grant we were able to continue providing up to 22 hotspots. . . Last year the hotspots checked out over 110 times. Our community also relies on the library to provide accurate information. One way we can provide that information is through databases which we would not be able to purchase without the State Grant." -East Morgan County Library

"With our limited budget for the population we serve, this grant funding is vital for our libraries in purchasing titles we need to replace and new materials and e-materials." -Aurora Public Library

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