

Colorado State Library

Activity Highlights



COLORADO STATE LIBRARY: PURPOSE

Library services are constantly shifting. We help library staff confidently navigate change to best serve their community. Colorado’s libraries circulate 148 million items annually through our 1,600+ school, 252 public, and many academic libraries, offering a wide variety of services for students and residents statewide.

Services of the Colorado State Library include:

- Leadership, standards, and guidance for school library effectiveness
- Early learning research, resources, and mentoring for public libraries
- Research for and about all types of libraries
- Managing a statewide online library jobline
- Digital audio, Braille and large-print books to residents unable to read print
- Training, standards, and long-range planning for library directors and boards
- Statewide interlibrary loan service
- Collect and catalog State publications for permanent public access
- Training and consulting for Department of Corrections’ library staff in Adult and Youth Corrections facilities

SELECTED PROGRAMS FOR LIBRARY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC

- **State Grants to Libraries (§24-90-401 CRS)**
A \$2.5 million non-competitive grant providing funds to eligible school, public, and academic libraries for educational materials for students and residents. Materials include books, electronic materials that support STEM, early literacy development, and school work. Library staff report annually on what is acquired and how residents benefit from using the materials.
- **Supporting Parents of Early Learners: Growing Reader Together**
This Temple Hoyne Buell grant will assist 14 public libraries in the southeast with planning, fiscal support, and methods for helping hard-to-reach unlicensed, informal early childhood care providers use libraries more effectively. In Colorado, about 50% or more of children under six are in non-licensed care with family, friends, and neighbors.
- **Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection (CHNC)**
The CHNC provides free online access to over 900,000 digitized pages. The collection currently has 200+ newspapers published from 1859 - 1923. These are made available with funds raised in libraries, cultural heritage facilities, or service organizations. The State Library maintains the site and works with funders to increase availability of local newspaper content.

Quick Facts

Programs for Learning and Literacy

- State Grants to Libraries
- One Book 4 Colorado
- Summer Reading Program
- Statewide Interlibrary Loan System
- Digital Literacy and Highly Effective School Libraries

Federal Program Support includes

- Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) state block grants
- National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- Research Institute for Public Libraries: 3-year federal grant for regional workshops on data use

State Library Annual Report

www.lrs.org/annual-report

State Library staff conducted over 37,000 consultations with clients in 2015-16.

Continuing education, training, and program totals:

- 145 School/youth sessions with 1,980 in attendance
- 460 Public/general sessions with 8,348