

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The Colorado Departments of Corrections, Human Services, and Education hire and manage library staff, fund general operating expenses, designate space for their libraries, and provide limited funds for books and equipment.



The Institutional Library Development team provides professional expertise and technical assistance to institutional libraries:

- Plan library services in new and expanding institutions
- Evaluate library services and recommend improvements
- Assist with recruiting, hiring, training, and mentoring library staff
- Coordinate library services statewide to ensure consistency and quality
- Purchase new books, subscriptions, and audiovisual materials
- Access statewide library funding opportunities
- Develop policies and procedures

MAKING A DONATION

Institutional Library Development appreciates donations of current popular paperback fiction, hardback bestsellers, and hardback and paperback non-fiction published in the last five years. Complete donation guidelines are available at www.coloradostatelibrary.org/download/pdf/DonationGuidelinesForThePublic.pdf.

To arrange donations, contact the Colorado State Library at 303-866-6900.

One of the first things a new resident asks is, "Is there a library and where is it?" I think all of us here really enjoy the serenity of a good book and the joy that goes with it.
-- Veterans Home resident



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Assistant Commissioner



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INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES

IMPACTING LIVES IN MEANINGFUL WAYS



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STATE INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER COLORADO

INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

I used to never read books that didn't have a lot of pictures but now I actually read books with the words and no pictures.
-- NYC resident

Institutional Library Development works with three different state agencies to achieve their goals by addressing the library needs of approximately 18,000 Colorado residents in 40 state-funded institutions:

Department of Corrections (DOC)

- 20 adult prisons
- 1 young offender prison

Department of Human Services

- 11 Division of Youth Corrections facilities (DYC)
- 5 state veterans homes
- 2 Colorado Mental Health Institutes (CMHI)

Department of Education

- Colorado School for the Deaf & the Blind (CSDB)

The Read [to the Children] program strengthens literacy as well as supports family engagement in a positive way.
-- Read to the Children participant

Cost-Effectiveness

Adult illiteracy costs billions in lost income and tax revenue, welfare, unemployment, crime and incarceration, and on-the-job training costs. The institutional libraries **improve literacy** by providing resources at many reading levels.

Reentry Success

95% of prisoners return to society and those with job skills and life skills are less likely to reoffend. Institutional Library Development **purchases materials and supports library programs** on reentry-related topics such as job-seeking and addiction recovery for the DOC, DYC, and CMHI libraries.



Maintaining family ties in prison is difficult, but improves offenders' chances of success after release. The DOC libraries' Read to the Children program **supports family relationships** by helping offenders use books to participate in their children's lives.



Student Achievement

Well functioning school libraries positively impact student achievement. Residents of mental health and correctional institutions have often failed at school. Institutional Library Development **provides educational resources** at the DYC, DOC, CMHI, and CSDB libraries to support students' academic achievement.

The books on how to find a job...are a great help to someone like myself who has had trouble finding jobs in the past.
-- DOC inmate

Meeting Special Needs

Approximately 1,000 Colorado citizens live in state veterans nursing homes and mental health hospitals. At least 1/3 of incarcerated teens have learning disabilities and emotional/behavioral disorders. The libraries in state-run institutions **help people with disabilities and mental illnesses** by providing large print books and periodicals, recorded books, video recordings, and information about living with disabilities and mental illnesses.

Public and Facility Safety

Because 87% of prisoners use their facility library, prison administrators value libraries for offender behavior management. Most correctional and mental health institutions incorporate libraries into educational and rehabilitative programs. Library access and special programs **encourage appropriate behavior, self-reflection, and self-motivated learning**, making institutions safer for staff and residents, and supporting the skills needed to prevent recidivism and relapse.



Quality of Life

People in institutions are susceptible to isolation, boredom, and depression. Institutional libraries help residents **stay connected to the outside world** by providing current, entertaining, and intellectually stimulating programs and resources in accessible formats.