

# QUOTABLE FACTS ABOUT COLORADO LIBRARIES

## LIBRARIES WORKING FOR ACCESS

**3.61M**

Coloradans have a public library card



That's **3 out of 5** Coloradans

**3.8M**

The number of times users access wireless internet at a public library in a year.



That's more than **10,000** times every day

**123M** items

circulated annually



or more than **22** items for each person in the state

More than

**1 in 10**

Colorado households



do not have access to either a computer or the internet

**100%**



of Colorado public libraries provide free public access internet computers and public wifi

**56**

average per-person yearly circulation of digital audiobooks for people with visual, physical, or learning disabilities



thanks to the Colorado Talking Book Library

**6,980**

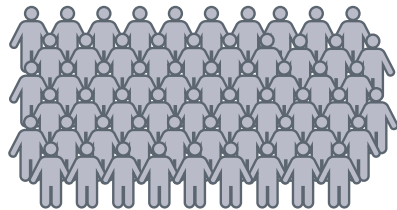
free state parks passes



were checked out using the Check Out Colorado State Parks program in one year. That's **134 checkouts** per week!

## LIBRARIES WORKING FOR KNOWLEDGE

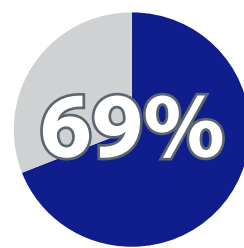
**5,914** library staff



keep Colorado's public, school, and academic libraries running

**3.6 million**

reference questions answered by public librarians each year



of school librarians teach students how to use digital resources at least weekly

make a podcast

identify reliable sources

search online effectively

use an ebook

## LIBRARIES WORKING FOR COMMUNITY

**6 times**



as many public, school, and academic libraries in Colorado as Starbucks coffee shops

The **Read to the Children** program allows an average of

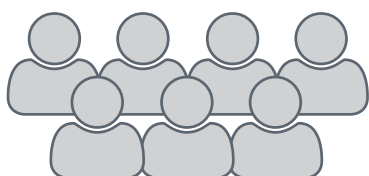
**2,900**

children each year

to stay connected with their family members in Colorado's state prisons



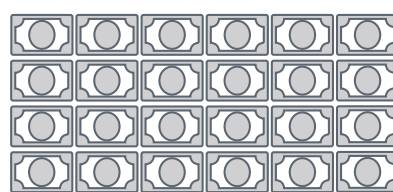
**38M** public and school library visits annually



**7 times** more than the total annual attendance every professional sporting event in Colorado combined

**2.8M**

public library program attendance per year



If they'd gone to a movie instead, it would have cost them nearly **\$24 million**

## Colorado libraries working WITH you

Resources for statistics: <https://s.lrs.org/QF-2018>