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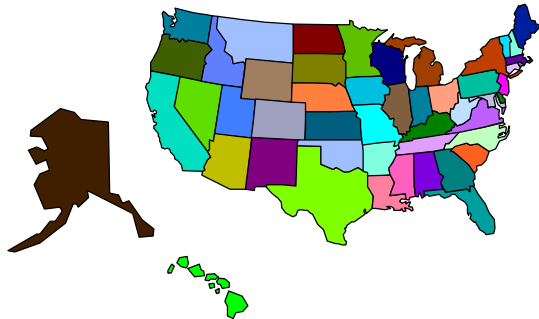
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**COLORADO RANKS
6TH IN NATION ON
PUBLIC LIBRARY USE, 1996**



According to a recent briefing paper on the 1996 National Household Education Survey, Colorado reports higher levels of monthly and annual public library use than the nation and ranks sixth among the 50 states on annual public library use. Alaska, Utah, Washington, Maryland, and Wyoming rank higher.

TABLE 1 ■ TOP TEN STATES IN PUBLIC LIBRARY USE, 1996

Ranked by Percent of U.S. Households that Used a Public Library in the Past Year

Nation/ State	Rank	Percent of U.S. Households	
		Used public library in past month	Used public library in past year (includes past month)
U.S.		44%	65%

Top Ten States			
Alaska	1	56%	76%
Utah	2 (tie)	56%	75%
Washington	2 (tie)	52%	75%
Maryland	4 (tie)	51%	73%
Wyoming	4 (tie)	53%	73%
COLORADO	6	50%	71%
Minnesota	7 (tie)	47%	70%
Ohio	7 (tie)	53%	70%
Arizona	8 (tie)	47%	69%
Massachusetts	8 (tie)	48%	69%

SOURCE: Mary A. Collins & Kathryn Chandler, *Use of Public Library Services by Households in the United States: 1996, Statistics in Brief*, Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, February 1997 (URL: <http://www.ed.gov/NCES/NHES>).

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