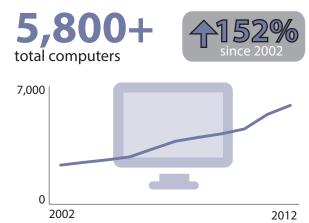# Computers in Colorado's Public Libraries

Colorado's 115 public library jurisdictions provide their communities with access to technology and web services. From wireless connectivity to always-accessible databases, public libraries are humming with 21st-century tools. Highlights from the 2012 Public Library Annual Report offer the details.
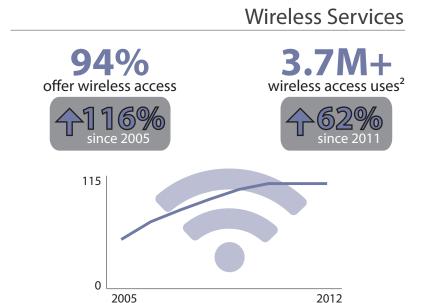
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AVAILABLE INSIDE THE LIBRARY

Internet Computers for Public Use

5,800+ total computers

↑ **152%** since 2002

↑ **33%** since 2002

6.85M+ uses of internet computers

7,000
0
2002 — 2012

8M
0
2002 — 2012

Public Library Websites

89% of Colorado's libraries have a website

25M Unique visitors to library websites[1]

Wireless Services

94% offer wireless access

↑ **116%** since 2005

3.7M+ wireless access uses[2]

↑ **62%** since 2011

115
0
2005 — 2012

SERVICES AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

More than **3 in 5** offer remote **database** access

↑ **28%** since 2002

Nearly **9 in 10** offer remote **catalog** access

↑ **43%** since 2002

Want to know more about the online world of public libraries? Check out our longitudinal study on web technologies at bit.ly/LRS_webtech to learn what libraries in Colorado and across the country are doing with their websites, social media, and tools and services offered online.

1. This question—first asked in 2012—had 34 out of 114 responding libraries reporting 0 unique site visitors.
2. In 2012, 36 out of 114 responding libraries reported 0 wireless access uses.

Data reported from the 2012 Colorado Public Library Annual Report: Computers & Networking category. Original research on library websites completed August 2013 and provided courtesy of the Networking & Resource Sharing Office, Colorado State Library.

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