

State Grants to Libraries: First Look at 2013-14



In 2013, the Colorado State Library administered almost \$2 million in grants from the State Grants to Libraries Act (CRS 24-90-401) to 290 academic, school, and public libraries across Colorado. With a minimum award of \$3,000, the grant funds more than doubled the collection budgets for 41 recipients, transforming one from a “museum of old books” to one that appeals to readers with current books. Here’s a first look at data about how these funds were used.

Note: These figures represent preliminary data current as of September 11, 2014.

QUICK FACTS

~\$2M in grants awarded to

290 public, school, and academic libraries

This funding **doubled** the collection budgets for **41** library recipients

DATABASES

52% of grantees used funding to subscribe to electronic databases

Encyclopedia Britannica allows students to explore subject areas and make Common Core connections using a reliable source.

PRINT BOOKS

We saw circulation rise by 13-29% at two branches because we can offer more targeted resources customers want and need.

91% of grantees used funding to purchase print books

totaling nearly **140,000** books

It was a new book extravaganza! We were able to weed many aged and ragamuffin books. We refreshed our collection and it reignited our love for reading!

Our summer reading program doubled this year – in part because of the appeal of the new books.

E-BOOKS

We are a 1:1 technology district, and this allowed us to expand our digital resources. It is helping us transform the way students think and learn.

38% of grantees used funding to purchase e-books

totaling about **10,000** titles

High quality digital resources equitably spread across all of our buildings and grade levels – all at a reasonable price point.

Media enhanced books come alive.

This saved our district an incredible sum of money.