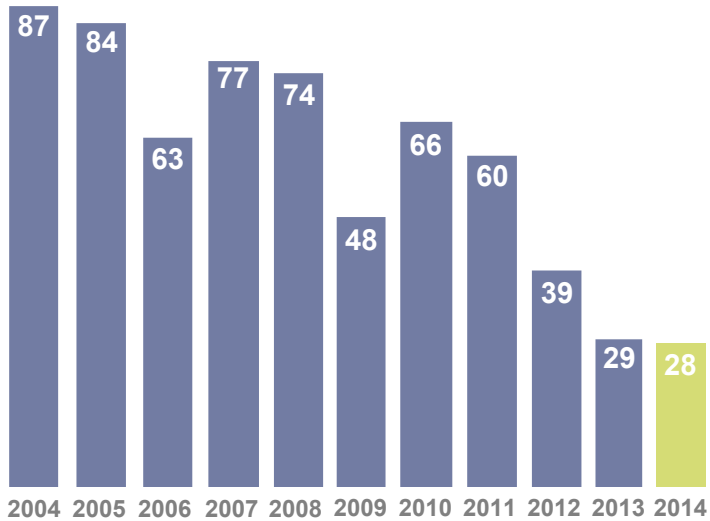


Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries, 2014



Every year, the Library Research Service's Public Library Annual Report surveys Colorado public libraries about challenges to their materials or services. The libraries that report receiving one or more challenges are then asked to provide additional information. This Fast Facts addresses the number, nature, and outcome of the challenges reported in 2014. *Note:* One library did not provide data about audience, resolution, and reason for its computer challenges.

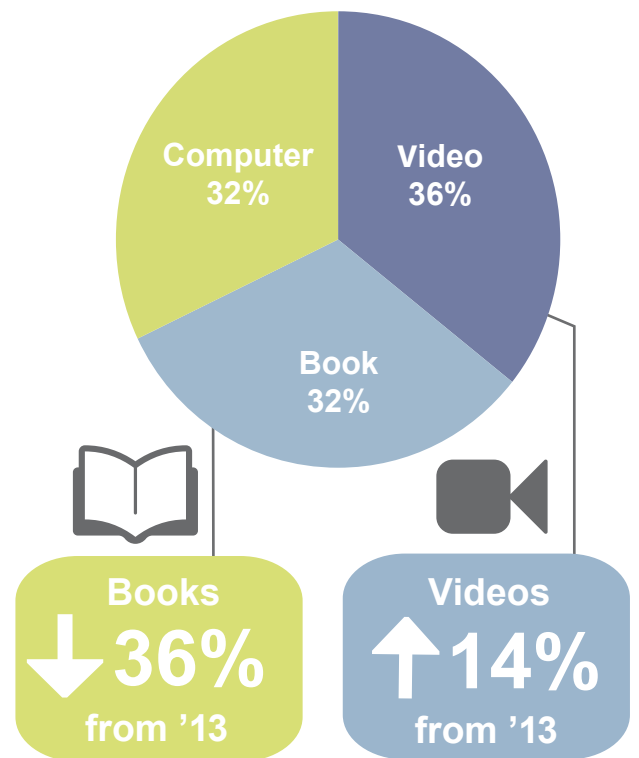
Number of Challenges



What is a challenge?

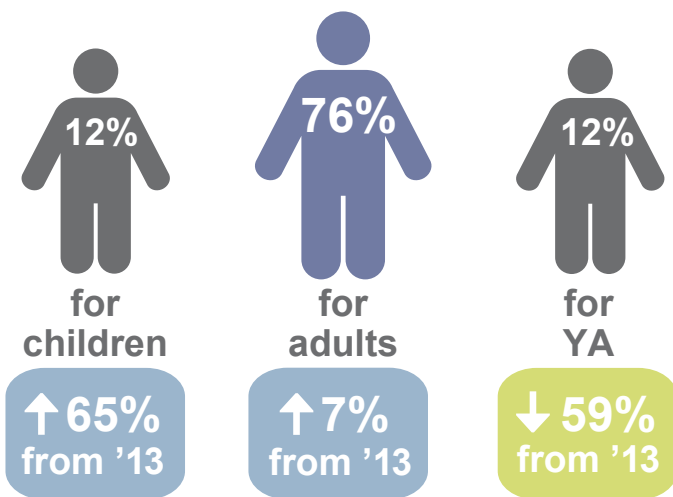
A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group (www.ala.org/bbooks/about).

Format of the Challenged Items*



*Among challenges that indicated a format. There were no reported challenges to audiobooks or music in 2014. In 2013, there were no reported computer challenges.

Who was the intended audience for the challenged items?*



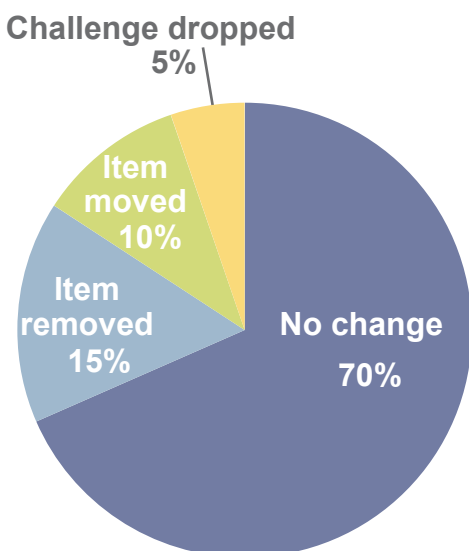
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Top Reasons for the Challenges

Reason	Percentage*
Sexually explicit, other (tie)	30%
Violence	20%
Religious viewpoint	15%
Unsuited to age group, offensive language, anti-ethnic, political viewpoint (tie)	10%

*Among items that indicated a reason for the challenge. Items could be challenged for more than one reason.

How was the challenge resolved?*



*Among challenges that indicated a resolution.

