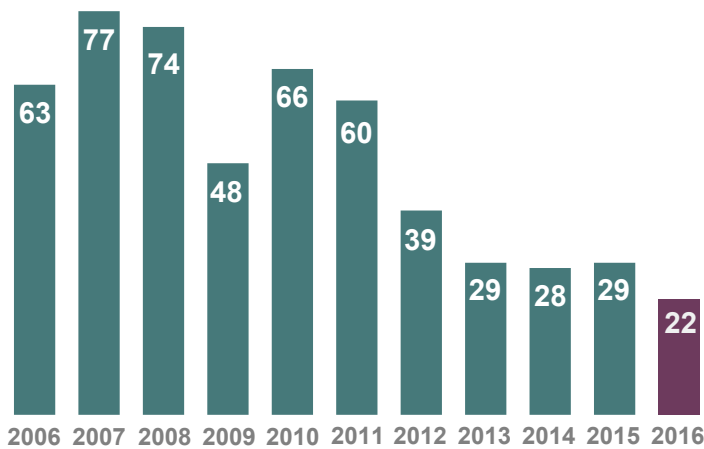


# Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries, 2016



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 2016.

## Number of Challenges

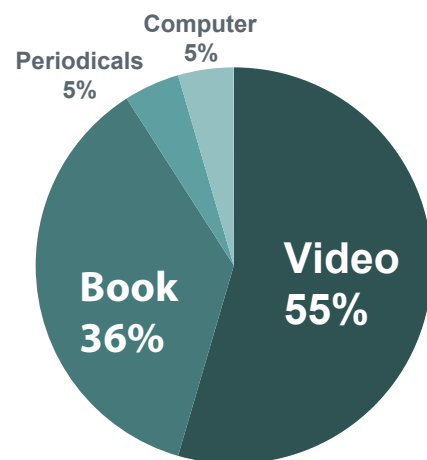


**65%**  
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### What is a challenge?

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

### Format of the Challenged Items\*



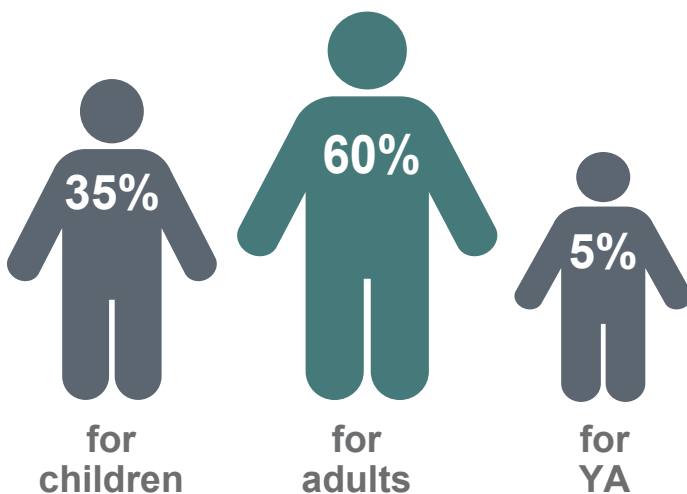
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**Videos**  
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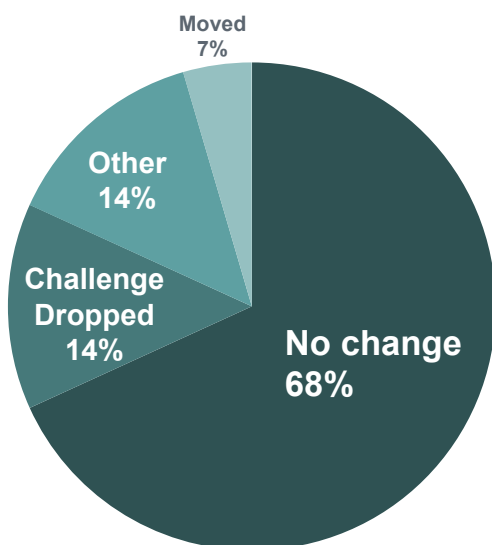
\*Among challenges that indicated a format. There were no reported challenges to music, activities, or audiobooks in 2015.

### Who was the intended audience for the challenged items?\*



\*Items could be classified in more than one category.

### How was the challenge resolved?\*



\*Among challenges that indicated a resolution.

### Top Reasons for the Challenges

Reason	Percentage*
Sexually explicit	50%
Other	17%
Homosexuality	14%
Nudity	14%
Sexism	14%
Unsuited to Age Group	14%

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