

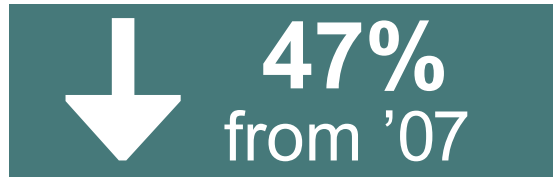
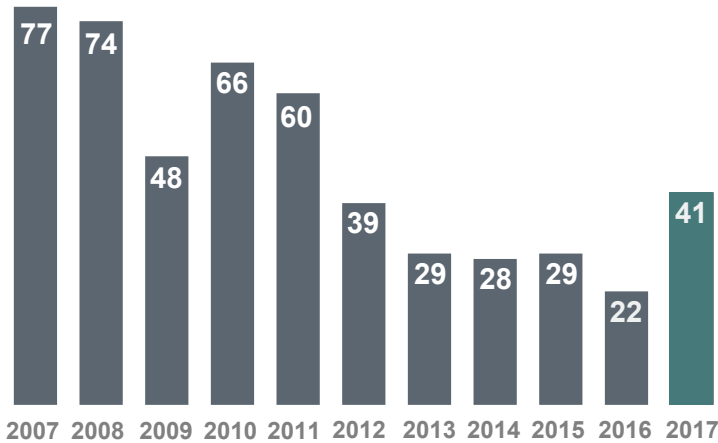
Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries, 2017

Recent statistics from Library Research Service

FAST FACTS
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Every year, the Library Research Service 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 2017.

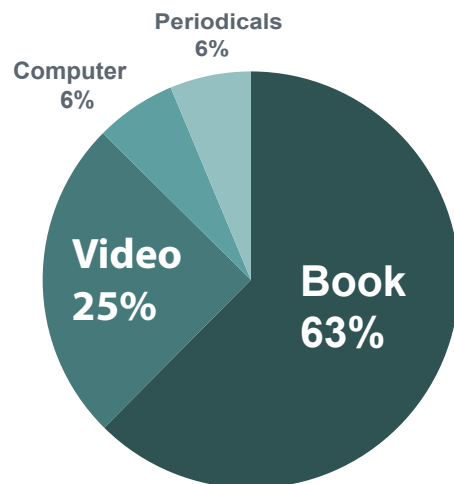
Number of Challenges



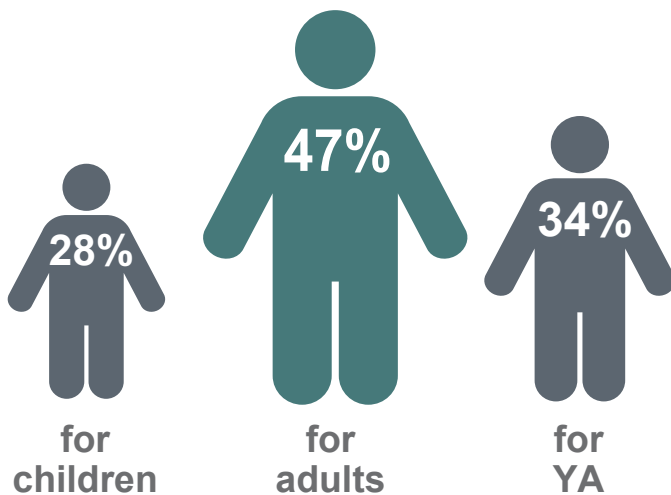
What is a challenge?

A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group (<http://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport>).

Format of the Challenged Items*



Who was the intended audience for the challenged items?*



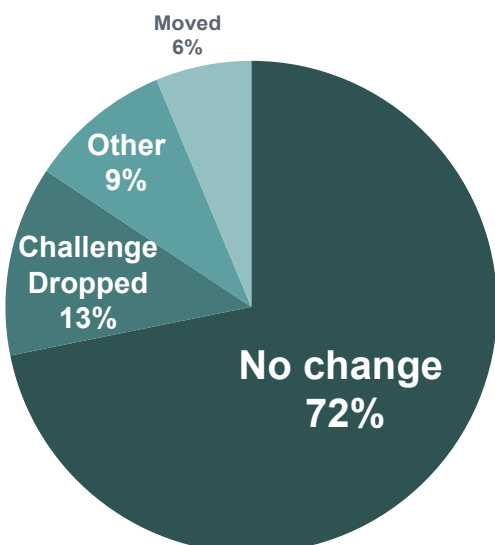
*Items could be classified in more than one category.

More **books**

challenged than **videos**
for the first time since **2014**.

*Among challenges that indicated a format. There were no reported challenges to music, activities, or audiobooks in 2017.

How was the challenge resolved?*



*Among challenges that indicated a resolution.

Top Reasons for the Challenges

Reason	Percentage*
Unsuited to Age Group	31%
Sexually Explicit	25%
Offensive Language	19%
Other	19%
Insensitivity	16%
Homosexuality	9%

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