



# Challenged Materials in Colorado Public Libraries 2020

Every year, 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.

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



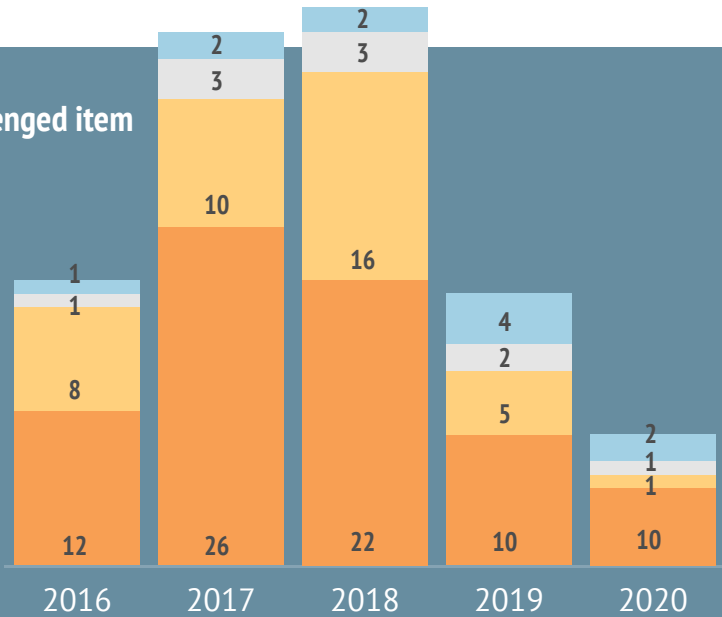
**10** challenges in 2020



**52%** decrease in number of challenges from 2018 to 2019

## Format of challenged item

- Book
- Video
- Computer
- Other



## Intended audience for challenged item

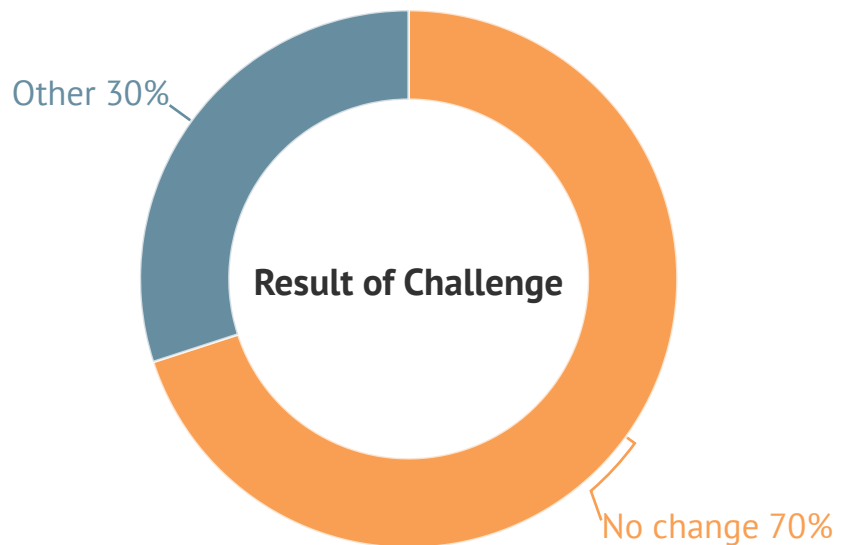


\*Items could be classified in more than one category

## Reason for challenge

3	Political Viewpoint
3	Insensitivity
3	Sex Education
2	Insensitivity
2	Sexually explicit
2	Religious Viewpoint
2	Unsuited for Age Group
2	Racism
5	Other, including anti-family, homosexuality, sexism, anti-ethnic, nudity

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\*Explanations of "other" included explaining to patron why material was present, warning patron against accessing explicit content that the patron challenged should be available, and reducing the number of copies of a book.