

# 2019-2020 Impact of State Grants to Libraries

\$3,000,000 was distributed to 318 public, school, academic, and institutional libraries. Grantees received a minimum of \$4,500 each.

# 84%

**purchased books**

# 70

**libraries more than doubled their collections budgets with grant funds**

# 52%

**purchased electronic educational resources**

We were able to greatly expand our Overdrive content with the grant money, which was **essential while we were closed to the public due to COVID.**

*-Aurora Public Library*

The State Grants to Libraries **impacts every aspect of our library** and services by allowing us to vastly enhance our library's material to circulate!

*-Wetmore Community Library*

State grant funds **allowed us to better meet the needs of our community** and safely bring materials to patrons at their point of need.

*-High Plains Library District*

Being in a small rural community, these State Grants help us to get new materials and to **keep our library open** and going.

*-Stratton Public Library*

Our budget has been cut over the last few years and is very small compared to what it used to be. With the grant funds we are able to continue some of our electronic subscriptions and have **current and relevant materials** in the library.

*-Moffat County Libraries*

The support of this grant gives resources for learning in class and independently. It helps students prepare for school, study abroad, careers, and life.

*-Western Colorado University*

The grant funds this year **helped us to meet the quickly changing circulation needs** of our staff and students. In these times of limited to no access to our physical spaces the grant funds allowed us to provide access to digital spaces.

*-Hinsdale County RE 1*

This funding has allowed us to continue to work towards **increasing our culturally responsive books** within our school library spaces. Our budgets are extremely tight, and getting tighter, any funding is incredibly appreciated!

*-Littleton 6*

We would never be able to purchase this amount of very **high-quality books** without the state grant. It is a huge benefit!

*-Kim Reorganized 88*

The State Grants to Libraries is the **ONLY way we can try new items** in our catalog. In addition, it is the only way we could afford databases for kids!

*-Security Public Library*

This funding allowed us to **start a digital collection of e-books and audiobooks** in our district which is a necessity in today's world.

*-Clear Creek RE-1*

For the first time in our school district, the library has been able to **offer a database** to its patrons because of the library grant.

*-Ignacio 11 JT*

**State Grants to Libraries were essential or important for:**

# 97%

**Updating the library's collection**

# 98%

**Purchasing materials to fill unmet needs**

# 91%

**Increasing materials circulation**