

# 2023-2024 Impact of State Grants to Libraries

\$3 million was distributed to 312 public, school, and academic libraries.  
Grantees received a minimum of \$4,500 each.

## 85%

Purchased books

The state grants have been vital. They have allowed us to provide book and ebook resources that **increase access levels and equity** for all of our students.

- Widefield 3

We were able to provide hot spots to ensure all patrons have the ability to be connected to the online world, especially for **virtual learners and job seekers**.

- Jefferson County Public Library

The grant **doubles our book budget** for the year allowing us to purchase books for our library.

- Julesburg Public Library

As budget issues often mean less money for school libraries, grant funds enable our district to continue to provide popular new titles across the district, **ensuring opportunities and equitable access** for all students to develop a love of reading.

- Adams-Arapahoe 28J

We have many older patrons who need large print books because of diminished vision. With State Grant to Libraries we were able to update and expand our **large print collection** to better serve this need.

- Dolores Library District

This funding allowed us to start offering several new databases that align with our **workforce development** focus.

- High Plains Library District

The state library grant, coupled with other funding sources, gave us the ability to **update our entire library**. Through purchases made with state library funds, we were able to make it a more attractive space for kids and adults alike.

- Plainview RE-2

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Libraries more than doubled their collections budgets with grant funds

The State Grants to Libraries this year allowed us to completely **revamp our children's collection**, including the creation of a juvenile Spanish language collection.

- Spanish Peaks Library District

The grant has allowed the library to offer a **technology lending collection** that supports both academic and wellness needs for students, faculty, and staff.

- Colorado School of Mines

We were able to expand our district **ebook collection** so that ALL students have more access to digital titles.

- Poudre R-1

*The State Grants to Libraries funding has not only expanded our school's collections but also fostered a love of reading, supported educational growth, and enhanced the services we provide to our students.*

-Lamar RE-2

With these funds, our library was able to expand its collection of educational materials. This expansion not only broadened **access to knowledge** but also supported students in their academic pursuits and in their personal growth.

- Sierra Grande R-30

Our library expanded its collection of health-related books and eBooks, with an emphasis on **mental health resources**, benefiting both our students and community patrons.

- Morgan Community College

A vibrant library collection empowers students to become **lifelong learners** and confident readers.

- Canon City RE-1

This funding allowed us to recharge our Spanish language collection to include contemporary fiction titles enabling our ELL population to continue to **read at grade level** in their native language, while increasing their competency in English.

- Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J

State Grants to Libraries were essential or important for:

## 98%

Purchasing materials to fill unmet needs

## 97%

Updating the library's collection

## 93%

Increasing materials circulation

Information based on survey results from final reports for State Grants to Libraries 2023-2024.

For additional information <http://cde.state.co.us/cdelib/stategrants>

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