$2,500,000 was distributed to 316 public, school, academic, and institutional libraries. Grantees received a minimum of $3,500 each.

88% purchased books

71 libraries more than doubled their collections budgets with grant-funds

58% purchased electronic educational resources

Students love coming to library! In years past, some students would walk away with no books to check out, and now every student finds something to interest them every time.

Silverton 1

We created 8 early literacy kits for young people to check out, 6 of those checked out the first day.

Yuma Public Library

The state grant allows the children’s section of the library to shine and helps attract checkouts so that books are in the homes of children in the community.

Estes Valley Library District

This grant has allowed our district to demonstrate that a library is not a room full of dusty old novels, but is innovative and creative; current with student interests and a place to learn and explore.

Strasburg 31J

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Thompson R2-J

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Our mill levy income decreases each year due to lack of new property tax assessments. This fund is absolutely essential for us to provide new materials for our patrons.

Northern Saguache County Library District

Our collections budget without the state grant would not meet the needs of all of our readers. The grant enables us to build a more diverse collection.

West Custer County Library District

The State Grant has continued to help us update our current collection in a way that our school district would not have been able to do.

La Veta RE-2

There was a 75% increase in books checked out the year of 2017-2018.

Sangre de Cristo RE-22J

The State Grant has a huge impact on purchasing e-materials. We achieved a growth of 12% since 2016 and the funds continue to provide assistance for the increase in e-material circulations.

Pikes Peak Library District

The State Grants to Libraries were essential or important for:

95% Updating the library’s collection

93% Purchasing materials to fill unmet needs

84% Increasing materials circulation