

2020-2021 Impact of State Grants to Libraries

\$2.5 million was distributed to 315 public, school, academic, and institutional libraries. Grantees received a minimum of \$3,500 each.

79%

Purchased books

This year's grant funding was essential during the COVID-19 pandemic to help expand our digital outreach to students to **support remote learning** and instruction.

- Morgan Community College

Having a greater number of e-books available during the library's closure due to the pandemic was essential for **helping our community stay connected** with the materials they needed and wanted.

- Littleton/Bemis Public Library

Through this grant money, the library was able to **purchase materials beyond our small budget**. This grant helped reach the early readers, lower reading students, bilingual students, and challenging those students who wanted to explore topics in more depth.

- Limon RE-4J

This year we were able to increase access to databases to ALL 90 of our elementary schools! We could not have done this without this grant - it allowed our elementary students the opportunity to engage with research and a database at their level, providing **equity in access**.

- Jefferson County R-1

Having a **diverse collection** available online for patrons and staff during the pandemic was a huge benefit for patrons. While our physical item checkouts were minuscule, our online resources numbers soared, keeping our overall circulation numbers the same or even higher through the pandemic!

- Grand County Library District

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Libraries more than doubled their collections budgets with grant funds

Our patrons **appreciate what we offer to our communities** through our libraries and State Grants to Libraries is a big part of that!

- Park County Public Library

The State Grants to Libraries funding made it possible for our library to **update our collection**, especially after budget cuts.

- Cortez Public Library

This grant continues to **provide opportunities for the students** of our small district to have up-to-date books and experiences from our library.

- Briggsdale RE-10

The grant is fundamental to our ability to improve and grow our programs and is transformational to our district.

- Widefield 3

State Grant funding has allowed us to participate in the Across Colorado Digital Consortium to provide Libby by OverDrive to our patrons. **This has been a tremendous benefit to our rural community.**

-Rio Grande County Library District

Circulation of our e-readers increased 300% because we were able to offer access to tens of thousands of titles through online subscriptions purchased with this grant!

- McClave RE-2

This **funding is essential** to meeting the needs of our continuing diversified populations.

- Garfield RE-2

Every year this allows us to increase our supply of materials for student learning and growth. It also helps us to ensure access to all students. **This year it was a life saver for our school community and our families.**

- Manitou Springs 14

The State Grants to Libraries were essential or important for:

98%

Purchasing materials to fill unmet needs

96%

Updating the library's collection

89%

Increasing materials circulation