

2021-2022 Impact of State Grants to Libraries

\$3 million was distributed to 315 public, school, academic, and institutional libraries. Grantees received a minimum of \$4,500 each.

83%

Purchased books

The grant remains an essential tool to help build and expand our collections and electronic databases. These resources directly benefit our patrons and help us **stretch our limited funding**.

- Dolores Library District

Grant funding allowed us to ask the question of how to best create a collection that is diverse and balanced as we strive to **enrich and empower** our community.

- Hinsdale County Regional Library District

Two years ago, we didn't have an online presence for e-books and audio books. Now we are working to build our own collection to **support teaching and learning** at all levels.

- Platte Canyon 1

The grant is vital to rural libraries in providing relevant and up-to-date materials that reflect our diverse needs and a growing and changing population.

- Wellington Public Library

47%

Purchased electronic educational resources

The grant helps to demonstrate to leadership that **the State values libraries** by investing in us.

- Colorado Community Colleges Online

The library databases purchased with the grant are **essential to post-secondary readiness**.

- Buena Vista R-31

The library grant has been essential in updating our collection with books that reflect our students. Thanks to these new books, our **circulation is up over 300%**.

- Sheridan 2

Patrons are enjoying a wider selection of newer items and we're currently seeing about **a 10% increase in foot traffic** every month!

- Mancos Library District

We were able to **offer online tutoring** help to students being homeschooled or who were struggling due to the loss of in-person class time during the pandemic.

- Clearview Library District

We **added Spanish-language titles** to our digital collection and have seen a 94% increase in the number of check outs.

- Garfield County Public Library District

Our libraries have become more robust and directly **support independent home reading**.

- Rangely RE-4

The State Grants for Libraries funding is a tremendous benefit to our small, rural library, helping it to **serve the surprising diversity of needs** for its relatively small community.

- La Veta Regional Library District

Having grant funds to purchase the newest popular titles **keeps our collection fresh and exciting** for students - and keeps them eagerly coming back for more!

- Adams-Arapahoe 28J

These funds have greatly helped our small rural library start to rebuild and **increase the possibilities for our students!**

-Pritchett RE-3

The State Grants to Libraries were essential or important for:

97%

Purchasing materials to fill unmet needs

96%

Updating the library's collection

87%

Increasing materials circulation