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## **Background**

This study was commissioned by the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) Center for At-Risk Education (CARE) to learn about adult and family literacy activities taking place in Colorado's public libraries. In the past there was federal funding available through the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) for public library literacy activities. CARE wanted to learn how the loss of this federal funding has affected the library literacy community in the long term. CARE also initiated this study to update its database of literacy programs in Colorado. It will use the information to network with public libraries about new programs and opportunities and to increase awareness of the role of libraries in adult education and family literacy activities.

## **Study Participants**

Participants in the study were identified using questions on the 2002 Public Library Annual Report. All libraries filling out this mandatory report were asked:

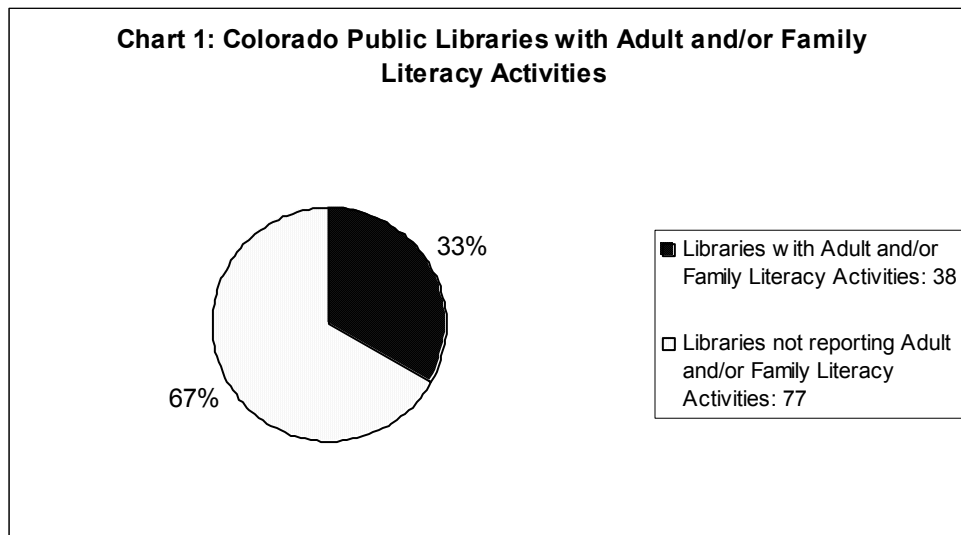
How many of the following types of programs were offered by the library during the past year, and how involved is the library in each type of the programming compared to the previous year? On these questions answer: more, same, less, or not offered.

- After-school events to improve academic achievement of K-12 students.
- Reading promotion events attended by/held at day care centers.
- Adult literacy programs.
- Family literacy programs (i.e., involving children and parents together).

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Out of a total of 115 public libraries in Colorado, 64 replied “more”, “same”, or “less” for their 2002 adult or family literacy programs. These libraries were sent a follow-up survey by mail in late July 2003. The follow-up survey asked details about the type of programs offered, frequency, numbers of participants, funding sources, level and type of library involvement, and more.

The response rate for the survey was very good—over 78 percent (50 of 64 libraries) responded. Of those 50 responses, 12 were from libraries that do not currently have family or adult literacy activities. Ten had answered the question on the 2002 Colorado Public Library Annual Report incorrectly, 1 had recently ended library involvement in literacy activities, and 1 library’s literacy program had just become independent. When the survey closed after one month, there were 38 completed questionnaires to analyze representing 33 percent of Colorado public libraries. Chart 1 illustrates these numbers.



## **Findings**

Adult and family literacy programs offered in Colorado's public libraries vary widely in size, activities, sources of funding, and partner organizations. Each program reflects unique community needs and responses to those needs.

Eleven of the 12 Colorado public library jurisdictions that serve populations of over 100,000 people offer literacy activities. But literacy activities are offered by public libraries of all sizes. Table 1 shows the number of public libraries in different population categories that offer adult and/or family literacy activities. The libraries in resort communities are considered in a separate group and not with their library service area population groups because of their similarities to each other and differences from other public libraries. As the percentage column in the table indicates, the group of public libraries serving populations of over 100,000 has the highest percentage with adult and/or family literacy activities. This may be because the diverse populations in the bigger communities have both greater need for literacy activities and the resources to offer them. The group with the next highest percentage of public libraries offering literacy activities is in resort communities, possibly due to the need for literacy activities among low-wage workers in these communities.

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**Table 1: Libraries offering adult and/or family literacy activities by population group**

Legal Service Area Population Group	Number of libraries in Colorado	Number offering adult and/or family literacy activities	Percent of libraries in population group offering literacy activities
Over 100,000	12	11	92%
25,000-99,999	11	4	36%
10,000-24,999	13	6	46%
5,000-9,999	16	7	44%
2,500-4,999	20	1	5%
1,000-2,499	21	1	5%
Fewer than 1,000	10	1	10%
Resort libraries	12	7	58%

Size of library service population does not always correspond to number of participants in a library’s literacy activities. The survey asked respondents to estimate how many people participate in adult and/or family literacy activities in their libraries each month. Table 2 indicates that some of the larger libraries offer programs that reach only a small number of people while some smaller libraries offer programs that reach many people. The data shows the unique nature of public library literacy programs. Public libraries strive to meet community needs and not all communities have similar needs for adult and family literacy activities.

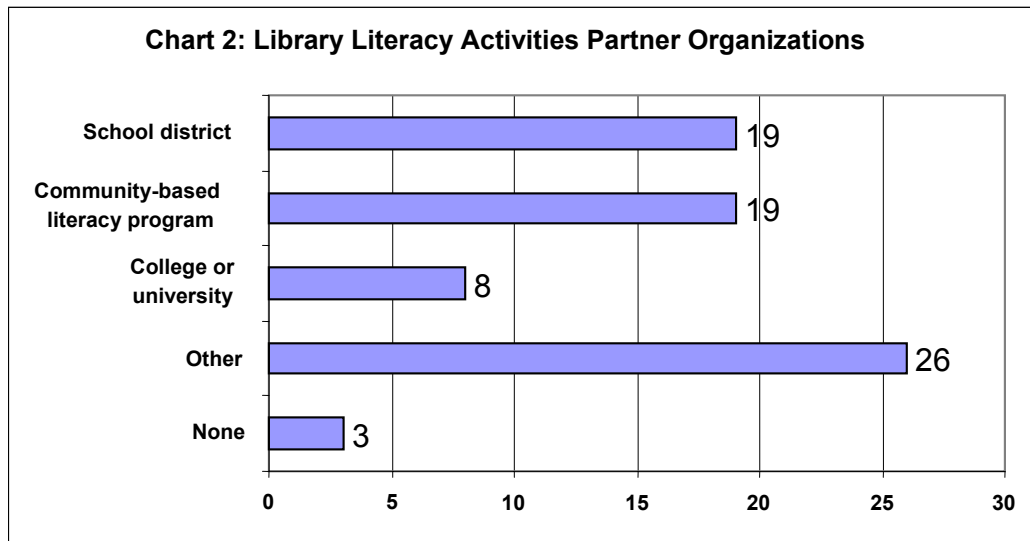
**Table 2: Number of Libraries in Population Groups by Participants per Month in Adult and/or Family Literacy Activities**

Number of participants per month	Legal Service Area Population Group				
	Over 100,000	25,000-99,999	5,000-24,999	Under 5,000	Resorts
250+	3	1	1		1
100-249	1				2
75-99		2	2	1	1
50-74	2	1			
25-49	1		3		2
1 to 24	4		7	2	1



## Adult and Family Literacy Activities in Colorado Public Libraries

Libraries partner with many different kinds of organizations to offer adult and family literacy activities. School districts, colleges or universities, and community-based literacy programs are often literacy program partners for survey respondents. But libraries have many other partners, another



indication of how each literacy program is a unique response to community needs. One library partners with workforce centers and probation departments.

“The Fort Morgan Public Library in partnership with the Morgan Community College [provides] a family literacy program during the school year. The program began as an outreach program and it was all done at the Morgan Community College ABLE Center. It has now progressed and we meet at the library every other Monday. This helps the children and their parents feel comfortable in a library setting.”

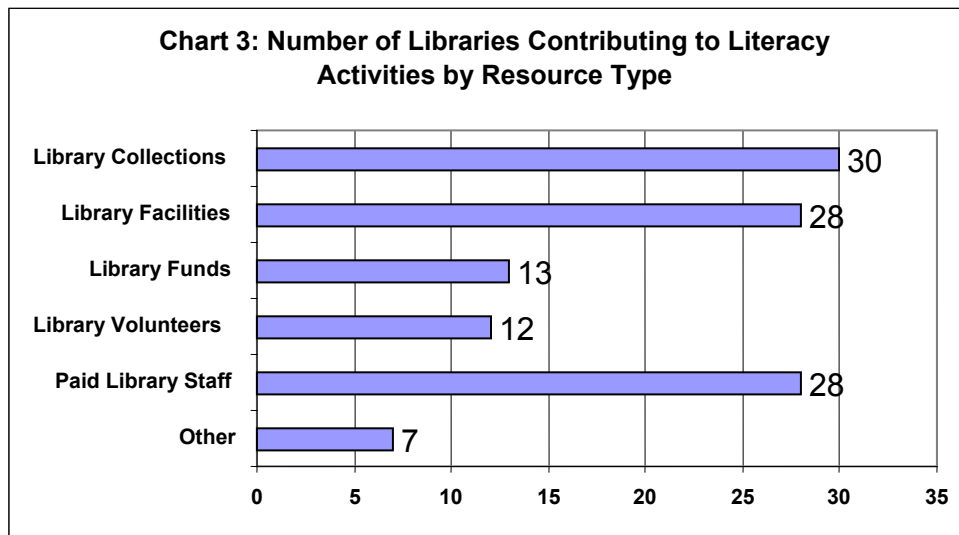
Ofelia Acevedo  
Fort Morgan Public Library

Another partners with a pediatric medical practice. Others mentioned preschool programs, both public and private. Only 4 respondents said their libraries did not partner with any other organizations to offer their literacy activities. Chart 2 illustrates

the number of libraries partnering with various kinds of organizations for literacy activities. More details can be found in Appendix B.

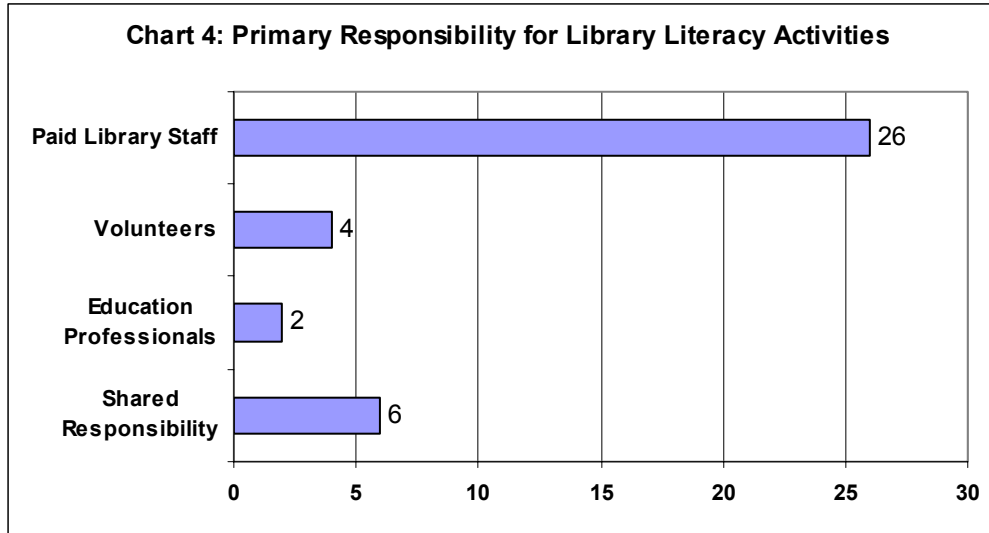
## Adult and Family Literacy Activities in Colorado Public Libraries

The responding libraries contribute different kinds of resources to the literacy programs they offer. Some are able to contribute paid library staff, volunteers, funds, library facilities, and special materials collections for literacy activities. Some libraries contribute only some of those resources. Chart 3 illustrates which of the resources responding public libraries contribute to literacy activities. As seen in the chart, the most common contribution is collections of materials for literacy students followed by library facilities and paid library staff. Some of the contributions named in the “Other” category include office supplies, free books for children, and a staff member to serve on the advisory board.

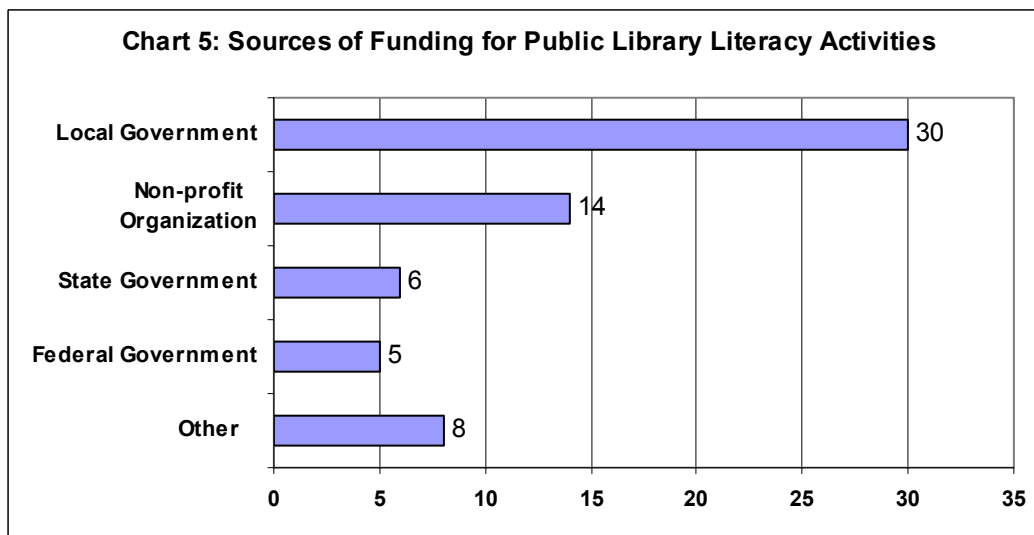


Paid library staff has primary responsibility for the literacy activities in most of the public libraries in the study. Volunteers are primarily responsible for the literacy activities at only four of the responding libraries. Education professionals have primary responsibility for literacy activities at two of the libraries. At the remaining six libraries primary responsibilities are shared between paid library staff and education professionals or volunteers. Chart 4 illustrates this data.

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Funding sources for the literacy programs also vary widely. Local government is the most common source of funding, but many library literacy programs have more than one source of funding. Chart 5 shows the number of libraries using specified funding sources for their literacy activities. The “Other” category includes funding from businesses, individuals, foundations, and corporations. Appendix B gives information about the funding sources for programs at individual libraries.



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Libraries are offering a wide variety of literacy activities for both adults and families. Adult programs offered include English as a Second Language (ESL)

activities, programs for adult  
new readers, GED test  
preparation, citizenship  
classes, and tours and  
information tailored for adult  
learners. Family literacy  
activities include outreach to

“...Boulder Public Library has two different departments serving adults with education needs: BoulderReads! and the Multicultural and Outreach Services Department.  
BoulderReads! provides one-on-one tutoring to adults....We also have a Reading Buddies component for children who are behind in reading....  
The Multicultural Outreach Services department offers weekly English conversation groups and citizenship classes....  
Diana Sherry,  
Director, BoulderReads!

day care centers, reading activities in which parents and children interact, programs to teach parents about how children develop and learn to read, and programs to show parents how to help their children enjoy reading. Table 3 shows the types and frequency of activities offered. The table indicates a wide variety of activities offered by libraries in response to community needs. In general, the only literacy activity offered by many libraries on a daily basis is library information for ESL/Adult learners. Family literacy activities such as outreach to day care centers, parent-child reading activities, and programs for parents on how to help children read are offered by many libraries on a weekly basis. Formal GED preparation, citizenship classes, and adult learner book clubs are not offered in the majority of the responding libraries, but they are offered in some libraries in response to local needs and interests.

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**Table 3: Frequency of Literacy Activities Offered\***

Activity	Frequency				
	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less than Monthly	Never
Library Information for ESL/Adult Learners	17	3	1	6	10
Adult Literacy Programs	8	6	2	4	18
GED Preparation	4	5	2	5	22
ESL	9	8	2	5	14
Citizenship	1	3	1	5	27
Library Tours for Adult Learners/ESL Students	1	1	6	17	11
Adult Learner Reading Clubs	0	2	5	3	28
Outreach to Adult/Family Literacy Programs	0	6	2	21	9
Outreach to Daycare Centers	1	16	7	10	4
Parent-Child Reading Activities	5	19	6	3	3
Child Development for Parents	0	5	7	11	13
How to Help Children Read for Parents	3	16	3	9	6

\*Not all rows add up to 38 because some libraries did not respond for every activity.

Most of the libraries responding to the survey had special collections of materials for students in adult and family literacy programs. Some of the libraries

offer many different kinds of literacy materials while others have more targeted collections. In many cases a broader range of materials for literacy students is offered than actual literacy activities. For example, 27 responding libraries have GED preparation materials, but only 16 said they offer

GED activities in their libraries. 34 libraries have ESL materials available, but only 24 have ESL activities. Some of the materials mentioned in the “Other”

**Table 4: Numbers of Libraries Offering Special Collections for Literacy Students**

Collection Type	Number of Libraries Offering
ESL materials	34
Instructional/curriculum materials	28
GED preparation materials	27
High/low reading materials	26
Resources for tutors/teachers	25
Audio, video, computer software	25
Other	5

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category included cable television programming, games, flash cards, and subscription databases. Table 4 summarizes the survey findings about library collections for literacy students. Appendix B gives details about the types of collections for literacy students offered by the individual libraries.

There are many ways that individuals associated with the responding public libraries contribute to literacy activities for adults and families, activities that are associated with the library and literacy activities that are sponsored by others and occur outside the library. Some write proposals to obtain funding for literacy activities while others plan or schedule activities. Some library staff and volunteers recruit participants and others actually tutor or teach. Table 5 summarizes the survey findings about the ways paid library staff and library volunteers are involved in adult and family literacy activities.

**Table 5: Number of Libraries Reporting Specific Ways Library Staff and Volunteers Contribute to Adult and Family Literacy Activities**

Activity	Programs Associated with Library		Activities Sponsored by Others	
	Library Staff	Volunteers	Library Staff	Volunteers
<b>Writes Funding Proposals</b>	22	2	5	0
<b>Plans Literacy Activities</b>	35	9	14	2
<b>Selects Materials</b>	36	3	15	1
<b>Promotes Literacy Activities</b>	35	6	23	3
<b>Recruits Participants</b>	29	10	10	1
<b>Supervises Teaching</b>	23	4	6	0
<b>Teaches/Tutors Participants</b>	18	17	8	4
<b>Recruits/Trains Volunteers</b>	24	5	9	3
<b>Schedules People, Space, Equipment</b>	33	0	11	0
<b>Refers Clients to Programs</b>	29	11	21	4
<b>Makes Presentations</b>	30	6	13	2

## Conclusion

This study found many different types of literacy activities and programs being offered to Colorado adults and families by public libraries of all sizes. These

“This [survey] was difficult to complete. We had an active family literacy program last year and did outreach to day care centers in the spring. With hiring freeze and vacancies we are probably not going to continue this outreach.”

Marcia Lewis  
Loveland Public Library

programs are put together by library staff or community members using many different resources to respond to local needs. Public libraries are successfully helping to serve adults and families in Colorado who need literacy programs. However, the study did learn that some libraries will have to consider cutting literacy programs if their budget situations do not improve.

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**Appendix A—Public Library Literacy Program Contact Information**

Library	Program Name	Contact Person	Telephone	Fax	Contact E-Mail
ADAMS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	Adams County Library Adult Literacy Program	Ed Stephen	(303)287-2759	(303)286-8467	<a href="mailto:stephen@adams.lib.co.us">stephen@adams.lib.co.us</a>
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT	Glendale Library/Spring Institute ESL Program; ESL Volunteer Program; ESL-Sheridan Branch Library; Begin With Books	Pam Herrlein; Brandy Kramer; Mollie Hagan; Susan Oakes	(303)691-0331 (303)693-9209 (303)789-5422 (303)220-7704 x287	(303)691-0332 none (303)789-2611 (303)741-9599	<a href="mailto:pherrkin@ald.lib.co.us">pherrkin@ald.lib.co.us</a> ; <a href="mailto:tkramer@hznet.net">tkramer@hznet.net</a> ; <a href="mailto:mhagen@ald.lib.co.us">mhagen@ald.lib.co.us</a> ; <a href="mailto:soakes@ald.lib.co.us">soakes@ald.lib.co.us</a>
AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	Storytime with Parents and Kids; Wagging Tales; Rock-A-Bye Baby	Barb Schneller; Janie Clark; Eileen Dumas	(303)693-1440 (303)739-6731 (303)739-6637		<a href="mailto:bschnell@ci.aurora.co.us">bschnell@ci.aurora.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:janie@ci.aurora.co.us">janie@ci.aurora.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:edumas@ci.aurora.co.us">edumas@ci.aurora.co.us</a>
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BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY	BoulderReads; Multi-Cultural Outreach Services	Diana Sherry; Ghada Eitürk	(303)441-3142 (303)441-4941	(303)441-4119	<a href="mailto:sherryd@boulder.lib.co.us">sherryd@boulder.lib.co.us</a> ; <a href="mailto:eiturk@boulder.lib.co.us">eiturk@boulder.lib.co.us</a>
CLEAR CREEK LIBRARY DISTRICT	Loaves and Fishes	Sue Lathrop	(303)567-2382		<a href="mailto:georgetownlibrary@yahoo.com">georgetownlibrary@yahoo.com</a>
CONEJOS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Conejos County Head Start; Second Chance	Maria DeHerrera	(719)274-5858	(719)274-5858	<a href="mailto:mdherrera18@hotmail.com">mdherrera18@hotmail.com</a>
DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY	Estoy Listo ('I'm Ready'); Read Aloud	Lisa Murrillo; Christine Johnson Elliot Jackson	(303)571-1776 (720)865-1308 (970)872-3396	(303)572-4787	<a href="mailto:lmurrillo@denver.lib.co.us">lmurrillo@denver.lib.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:cjohnson@denver.lib.co.us">cjohnson@denver.lib.co.us</a> <a href="mailto:ejackson@ids.net">ejackson@ids.net</a>
DELTA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Delta County Adult Literacy Program			(970)872-4153	
DOUGLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Adult Literacy Program	Penny Perkins	(303)841-6042	(303)841-7892	<a href="mailto:pperkins@dcilibraries.org">pperkins@dcilibraries.org</a>
EAGLE VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT	The Literacy Project	Colleen Gray	(970)949-5026	(970)949-0233	<a href="mailto:literacy@vail.net">literacy@vail.net</a>
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ELBERT COUNTY LIBRARY	GED and ESL Tutoring	Jan Gabehart	(303)646-3416	(303)646-9217	<a href="mailto:elizabeth@elbertcountylibrary.org">elizabeth@elbertcountylibrary.org</a>
ESTES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	Outreach to Creative Kids Day Care	Kerry Aiken	(970)586-8116	(970)586-0189	<a href="mailto:kaiken@estes.lib.co.us">kaiken@estes.lib.co.us</a>



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FORT COLLINS PUBLIC LIBRARY		Pamela Plesman	(970)221-6742	(970)221-6398	
FORT MORGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	Family Literacy	Ofelia Acevedo	(970)867-9456	(970)867-2988	<a href="mailto:pacevedo@fmlibrary.org">pacevedo@fmlibrary.org</a>
GARFIELD CO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	Literacy Outreach	Martha Frenendahl	(970)945-5282		<a href="mailto:litout@coloradomtn.edu">litout@coloradomtn.edu</a>
GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT	Infant/Toddler Story Hours	Lynn Jennings	(970)726-5689	(970)726-9226	<a href="mailto:l Jennings@gcld.org">l Jennings@gcld.org</a>
GUNNISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Literacy Action Program	Paul Duba; Therese Tranton	(970)641-7684		<a href="mailto:pduba@co.gunnison.co.us">pduba@co.gunnison.co.us</a>
HAXTUN PUBLIC LIBRARY		Teri Stakebaum	(970)774-4050	(970)774-5875	<a href="mailto:townlibr@schollnet.com">townlibr@schollnet.com</a>
IGNACIO LIBRARY DISTRICT	Spanish to English	Deb Winlock	(970)563-9287	(970)563-9296	<a href="mailto:ignaciolib@yahoo.com">ignaciolib@yahoo.com</a>
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Literacy Coalition of Jefferson County	Marcie Hanson	(303)271-6387	(303)271-6368	<a href="mailto:marcie.hansen@judicial.state.co.us">marcie.hansen@judicial.state.co.us</a>
LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Conversation Classes	Susan Nagle	(303)665-5200		<a href="mailto:susann@cityoflafayette.com">susann@cityoflafayette.com</a>
LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Even Start Family Literacy; Head Start Family Literacy Program; Developmental Studies, Colorado Mountain College	Lucy Osius; Kathy Purviance; Rhonda Thompson	(719)486-6897 (719)486-6923 (719)486-2015	(719)486-3421 (719)486-6934 (719)486-3212	<a href="mailto:losius@lakecountyschools.net">losius@lakecountyschools.net</a> <a href="mailto:kpurviance@lakecountyschools.net">kpurviance@lakecountyschools.net</a>
LITTLETON/BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	ESL Classes (with School District 6); Talk English; Health and Citizenship Series for Immigrants	Phyllis Larison	(303)795-3961	(303)795-3996	<a href="mailto:plarison@littletongov.org">plarison@littletongov.org</a>
LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Storytimes and Special Events	Carol Purfurst	(303)335-4821	(303)335-4833	<a href="mailto:purfurst@ci.louisville.co.us">purfurst@ci.louisville.co.us</a>
LOVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	Center for Adult Learning in Loveland, a program of Front Range Community College	Sandra Merk	(970)663-7111		
MANZANOLA SCHOOL/PUBLIC LIBRARY	Bingo for Books Family Reading Night; Book Fair and Family Reading Get-together	Kathy Bauseman	(719)462-5542	(719)462-5115	<a href="mailto:kathy_bauseman@manzanola.k12.co.us">kathy_bauseman@manzanola.k12.co.us</a>
MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	The Literacy Center-MCPLD; Adult Reading Program of the Literacy Center-MCPLD; Children and Adults Together Intergenerational Literacy Program of the Literacy Center-MCPLD	Christi Williams	(970)683-2431	(970)243-4744	<a href="mailto:cwilliams@mcpld.org">cwilliams@mcpld.org</a>

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PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT	LitSource	Sherrill Wyeth	(719)531-6333 x2223	(719)389-8990	<a href="mailto:swyeth@ppld.org">swyeth@ppld.org</a>
RIO GRANDE LIBRARY DISTRICT	Adult Literacy Program of the Basalt Regional Library District	Carol Lee Dugan	(719)852-3931	(719)852-0821	
SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Literacy Programs for the Community	Jennifer Sisneros	(719)754-3156	(719)754-3131	<a href="mailto:marc_meg_q@yahoo.com">marc_meg_q@yahoo.com</a>
SPANISH PEAKS LIBRARY DISTRICT		John Thomas	(719)738-2774	(719)738-2468	<a href="mailto:ithomas@SPLD.org">ithomas@SPLD.org</a>
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WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	Summer Reading Program, Storytime, Occasional Programs	Peggy Arevalos	(970)568-3040	(970)568-9713	<a href="mailto:wplpeggy@frrl.com">wplpeggy@frrl.com</a>
WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	Westminster Public Library Adult Literacy Program	Janet M. Platte	(303)430-2400 x2316	(303)657-9784	<a href="mailto:jplatte@ci.westminster.co.us">jplatte@ci.westminster.co.us</a>

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**Appendix B—Public Library Literacy Program Partners, Resources Contributed, Funding Sources, Collections Offered**

Library	Population	# per Month in Adult or Family Literacy Programs	Partner Organizations	Resources Contributed by Library	Funding Sources	Types of Collections Available for Adult/Family Literacy Program Students
ADAMS COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM	256,017	50-74	Community-based literacy program and High Plains High School (adult high school)	Library facilities, collections, referrals, tutoring	Non-profit, Friends of the Adams County Library, Wal Mart, library budget	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
ARAPAHOE LIBRARY DISTRICT	188,628	250+	School district, Community-based literacy program, Reach out & Read (national), Bright Beginnings (state), Education non-profit, Spring Institute ESL Program	Paid library staff, volunteers, funds, facilities, collections, arranging for space in Sheridan H.S. Bldg for contract staff	Local government, federal government, non-profit organization, foundation grants, gifts, library district	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials, ESL and Basic Skills software in computer lab
AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY	282,940	250+		Library facilities, collections	Local government, non-profit organization (Friends), local business	ESL, GED, Audio and video tailored for needs of adult learners
BASALT REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT	9,141	100-249	College or university, library's own in-house adult literacy program	Paid library staff, library funds, facilities, collections; "in-kind" telephone, copier, paper, supplies	Local government, non-profit organization, businesses, individuals	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, Adult learner other materials
BERTHOUD PUBLIC LIBRARY	5,117	75-99	School district, GED program	Paid library staff, volunteers, library funds, facilities, collections		High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, Resources for Tutors/teachers

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BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY	94,680	250+	School district, college or university, community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, volunteers, funds, facilities, collections	Local government, non-profit organization, corporate grants, car donation program, endowment, individual donations	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials, Other (games, flash cards, flip-phonics, other teaching aids)
CLEAR CREEK LIBRARY DISTRICT	9,485	1 to 24	Community-based literacy program	Library facilities, collections	Local government, volunteer time, existing materials	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers
CONEJOS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	8,401	1 to 24	Community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Local government	High interest/Low reading level, ESL, GED, Adult learner other materials
DELTA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	28,809	50-74	School district, community-based literacy program, day care centers, Migrant Health and Even Start, Family Ties West, Delta County Department of Social Services	Paid library staff, volunteers, funds, facilities, collections, grant resources	Local government, federal government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY	559,610	1 to 24	School district	Paid library staff	Local government	Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
DOUGLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	200,385	25-49	School district, Bright Beginnings	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Non-profit organization, corporate and individual donations	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials

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EAGLE VALLEY LIBRARY DISTRICT	34,590	250+	Community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, Library funds, facilities, collections	Non-profit organization	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
EAST ROUNTT LIBRARY DISTRICT	15,007	25-49	None		Local government	ESL, GED
ELBERT COUNTY LIBRARY	21,441	25-49	School district, Community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Library district funding	Instructional materials, ESL, GED
ESTES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	11,525	100-249	Day Care Center	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Library district	Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers
FORT COLLINS PUBLIC LIBRARY	122,521	1 to 24	Community-based literacy program	Library collections	Local government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
FORT MORGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	11,132	25-49	College or university	Paid library staff, funds, facilities, collections	Local government	ESL, GED, Audio and video tailored for needs of adult learners
GARFIELD CO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM	45,931	1 to 24	College or university, community-based literacy program	Library facilities, collections	Local government, non-profit organization	High interest/Low reading level, ESL
GRAND COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT	12,909	75-99	Adult Education Coalition	Paid library staff, volunteers, facilities, collections	Local government, non-profit organization	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials

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GUNNISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	14,012	25-49	Job Service/One Stop, Department of Human Services	Paid library staff, volunteers, funds, facilities, collections	Local government, state government, non-profit organization, individuals, businesses	High interest/Low reading level, instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials, citizenship materials
HAXTUN PUBLIC LIBRARY	988	75-99	None			
IGNACIO LIBRARY DISTRICT	5,485	1 to 24	School district, community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, volunteers	Local government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional/curriculum materials, ESL
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	531,155	50-74	School district, college or university, community-based literacy program, workforce centers, probation departments	Paid library staff, volunteers, library funds, facilities, collections	State government, federal government, non-profit organization, private foundations, individuals	High interest/Low reading level, instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
LAFAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY	23,552	1 to 24	School district, community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, library volunteers, facilities	Local government	High interest/Low reading level, ESL, GED
LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	7,878	25-49	School district, college or university, community-based literacy program, Even Start	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Local government, state government, federal government non-profit organization	High interest/Low reading level, instructional materials, ESL, Resources for tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
LITTLETON/BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY	40,317	75-99	School district	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Local, state, federal government; non-profit organization	High interest/Low reading level, instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials, subscription databases to improve language skills

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LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	18,947	250+	School district	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Local government	Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
LOVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY	53,345	75-99	College or university, Community-based literacy program	board member	Local government (had a grant and then local funding but now will have to stop)	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
MANZANOLA SCHOOL/PUBLIC LIBRARY	1,051	1 to 24	School district	Paid library staff, funds, facilities, collections	Local government, state government	ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, Adult learner other materials
MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT	119,975	100-249	School district, Private preschools, Head Start, Mesa County Health Dept., West Colorado Pediatrics, Families First, other organizations serving high risk families	Paid library staff, volunteers, library funds, facilities, collections, free books for children	Local government, private donations, foundations, corporate donors	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
PIKES PEAK LIBRARY DISTRICT	488,533	250+	School district, community-based literacy program, Head Start, YMCAs	Paid library staff, library volunteers, collections	Library district	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials, Cable television programming
RIO GRANDE LIBRARY DISTRICT	12,518	75-99	Community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, facilities, collections	Local government, foundation	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, GED, Adult learner other materials
SAGUACHE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	6,100	1 to 24 (for ESL in fall)	Community-based literacy program	Library facilities, Other (someone from TSJC does ESL classes)		GED
SPANISH PEAKS LIBRARY DISTRICT	6,430	1 to 24	None		Library budget	Instructional materials, ESL, GED

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TRINIDAD/CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY	14,950	1 to 24	Head Start, Spanish Advocacy	Paid library staff, funds, facilities, collections	State government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, Adult learner other materials
WELD LIBRARY DISTRICT	176,720	1 to 24	School district, community-based literacy program	Paid library staff, collections	Non-profit organization, Library district	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, GED, Adult learner other materials
WELLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	2,723	1 to 24	School district	Paid library staff, volunteers, library funds, facilities, collections	Local government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, Adult learner other materials
WESTMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	102,537	1 to 24	None		Local government	High interest/Low reading level, Instructional materials, ESL, Resources for Tutors/teachers, Adult learner other materials