

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIBRARY

What is a librarian and what do they do for us?

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noun: a multi-tasking educational rock star who brings order to chaos, wisdom & culture to the masses, inspires curiosity, opens windows for voices to be heard & makes the world a better place.

synonyms: superstar; difference-maker; book-lover

see also: original search engine; all around awesome

(Definition of a librarian used here is not from an academic dictionary.)

Here is a snapshot of data to show how the TCA librarians contribute to the TCA community.

TCA LIBRARY LIBRARIES

Basic data:

FOUR physical libraries.



FIVE of the NINE dedicated library staff members are full time librarians.



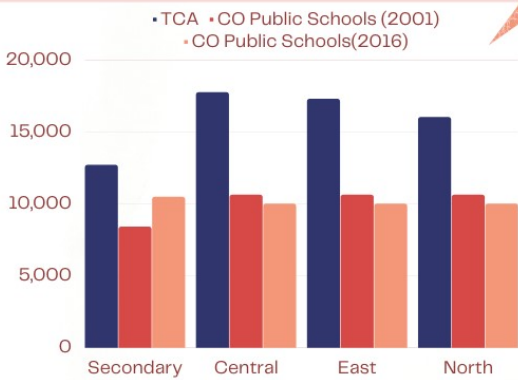
Over FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED patrons have active library accounts.

(Each icon = approx. 200 patrons. 1600+ in Secondary & 2800+ in Elementary)



HOW MANY BOOKS DO THE LIBRARIANS PRE-READ?

The TCA librarians read close to **2500 books each year**. Pre-reading titles is a major component in the curation of a collection. Most of this reading is done outside of school hours.



Total inventory of books in each library collection.

The number of books includes print and digital titles. Colorado numbers were sourced from Library Resource Service (www.lrs.org).

WHAT DOES AN ELEMENTARY LIBRARIAN DO DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

On average, during a 40 hour work week, our elementary librarians have a long list of responsibilities and tasks they champion. Here are the average minutes per week spent on five general tasks.



WHAT DOES A SECONDARY LIBRARIAN DO DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

Serve Students ~ Average number of students using the library per week: **422**

Curate Resources ~ Average number of print resources pulled each year for classroom projects/papers: **1459**

Plan & Provide Student Engagement ~ Average opportunities per school year: **15**

Teach Information Literacy Skills & Research Skills (formally to classes & informally in the library) ~ Average minutes per week: **370**

Collaborate with classroom teachers ~ Average number of projects/papers with Librarian contributed resources per year: **18**



Monetary value (replacement value) of each library collection.

Dollar amounts are shown in hundreds of thousands.

WHAT ELSE?

Our Secondary Library staff also do all of the processing and cataloging for all four TCA libraries.

Approx. 2200 new books per year

Approx. 50 donated books per year

Average time spent processing one book: **16 minutes**

16 min x 2250 bks = 36,000 minutes or 600 hours per year!

