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17 YEARS

WITHOUT AN INCREASE TO

## Statewide Courier



### 30 Million Books and Items

Picked up, sorted and delivered among libraries throughout Colorado during the past 13 years, at an average cost of 40 cents per item.



### Rising Costs

Inflation, fuel prices, employee costs continue to increase. Services are becoming unaffordable to small & rural libraries across Colorado.



### Over Time: The Future

Only the best-funded libraries will participate. Small & rural libraries, community colleges, and schools may be cut off from statewide resources.



## STATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Library Courier services save taxpayers \$9.3 million every year compared to USPS costs
- The Colorado Library Consortium saves libraries and taxpayers \$23.6M every year by using its state appropriation to pay for or subsidize the cost of ALL services provided to public libraries, academic institutions, and schools.
- Libraries are asking for a \$150K increase to that appropriation.

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Colorado Library Consortium

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CLiC manages valuable and established infrastructure for libraries across Colorado.

"The courier is a lifeline for our patrons and our community, and a core part of our services." - La Veta Public Library in SE Colorado