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### **Statewide Courier**





### 32 Million Books and Items

Picked up, sorted and delivered among libraries throughout Colorado during the past 14 years, at an average cost of 40 cents per item.



## Rising Costs

Inflation, fuel prices, employee costs continue to increase. New funding makes services affordable to small & rural libraries across Colorado.



### Over Time: The Future

To ensure libraries continue serving their communities cost effectively, regular investment in courier



regular investment in courier infrastructure *is crucial*.

# 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.
- Last year, libraries advocated for a \$150K increase to that appropriation.



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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