

3.4M

Total Checkouts through OverDrive/Libby

3.6M

Total Checkouts of Physical Materials

1.7M

Total Checkouts of Children's Physical Materials

More eLibrary Usage than Garden of the Gods Visitors



PPLD's 5.1 million eLibrary uses in 2024 topped even one of Colorado's biggest tourist draws, which sees an estimated 4.5 million visitors annually.

eLibrary Service

Checkouts / Uses

Freading	1,140
Hoopla	54,322
Freegal	55,873
Kanopy	96,166
Subject Guides and Local Authors Database	279,900
Paid Subscription Databases*	1,238,603
OverDrive/Libby	3,413,198
Total	5,139,202

* Refers to paid online resources like Ancestry Library Edition and LinkedIn Learning.

OverDrive Checkouts Per Capita

In 2024, Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) set a new record with over 14 million OverDrive checkouts. PPLD had significantly less total checkouts at 3,413,198. However, when looking at those numbers in comparison to service area population, PPLD had almost five checkouts per capita with LAPL having about four.



PPLD



LAPL

4.89 checkouts per capita

3.82 checkouts per capita

eBooks versus Physical Books Cost Example



\$15 per physical copy (hardcover)



\$60 per eBook copy (2-year license)

One recent popular release, *Onyx Storm*, illustrates a common trend: while digital borrowing is growing, it can come with significantly higher costs for libraries, as well as a variety of licensing methods to navigate.

Physical Materials Checkouts

Stacked end to end, PPLD's 3.6 million physical checkouts in 2024 (each represented as a 9-inch book) would stretch 515 miles.

That's like hiking the 13-mile Barr Trail to summit Pikes Peak 40 times!

