

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

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|---|------------------|
| Freeding | 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

4.89 checkouts per capita



LAPL

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!**

