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Prospector Director's Meeting

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November 2023

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Core Services

- AspenCat
- Courier
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Colleague on Call
- Talent Development

And more!

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An Update on the Resource Sharing Landscape


- Prospector (Alliance)
- SWIFT via Prospector (State Library)
- Marmot (Marmot)
- ~~Flatirons Library Consortium (FLC)~~
- AspenCat (CLiC)

} Transaction Systems

- Statewide Courier

} Physical Delivery System

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- Integrated Library System (Koha via ByWater)
- Aspen Discovery (ByWater) + NoveList Select (EBSCO)
- Syndetics book cover images (ProQuest)
- SkyRiver cataloging source/utility (Innovative Interfaces)
- Ebooks (3M Cloud Library)
- Text messaging (Shoutbomb)
- OpenSesame (EZproxy licensed from OCLC)

Word Soup Made Simple


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Contact AspenCat


We're your AspenCat system experts! Just try and stump us, we're up for the challenge.



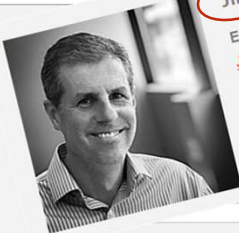
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Bib Record Number (if applicable)

Problem or Request

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The Year was 2014...

State of AspenCat

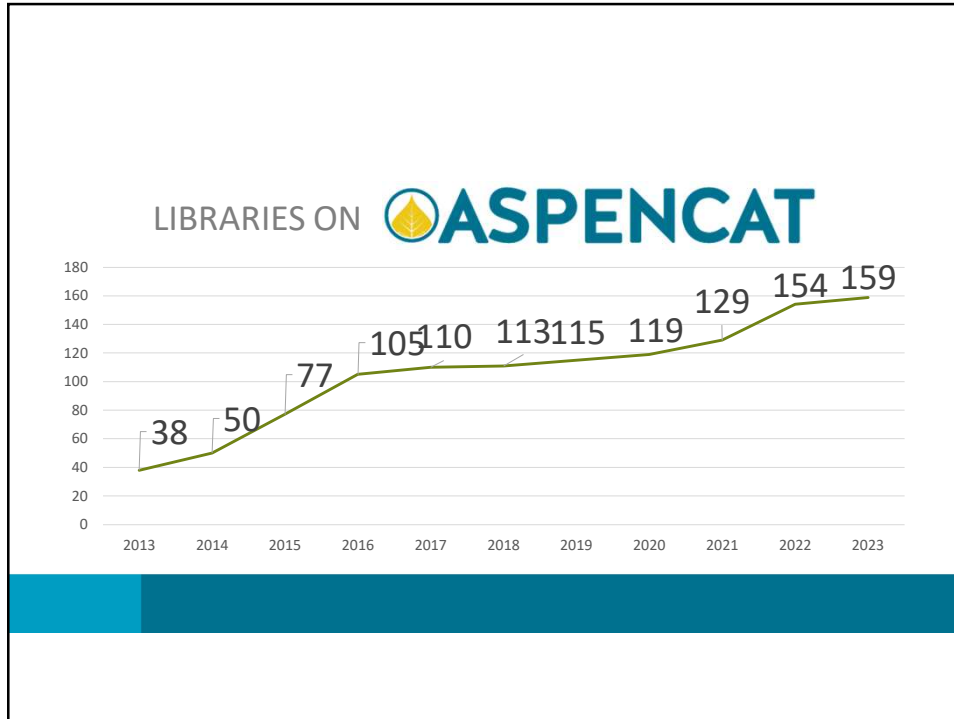
Major growth year:

- New members!
Up to 39 libraries!
- Enhancements & improved functions!
- Increase to 728,000 items!

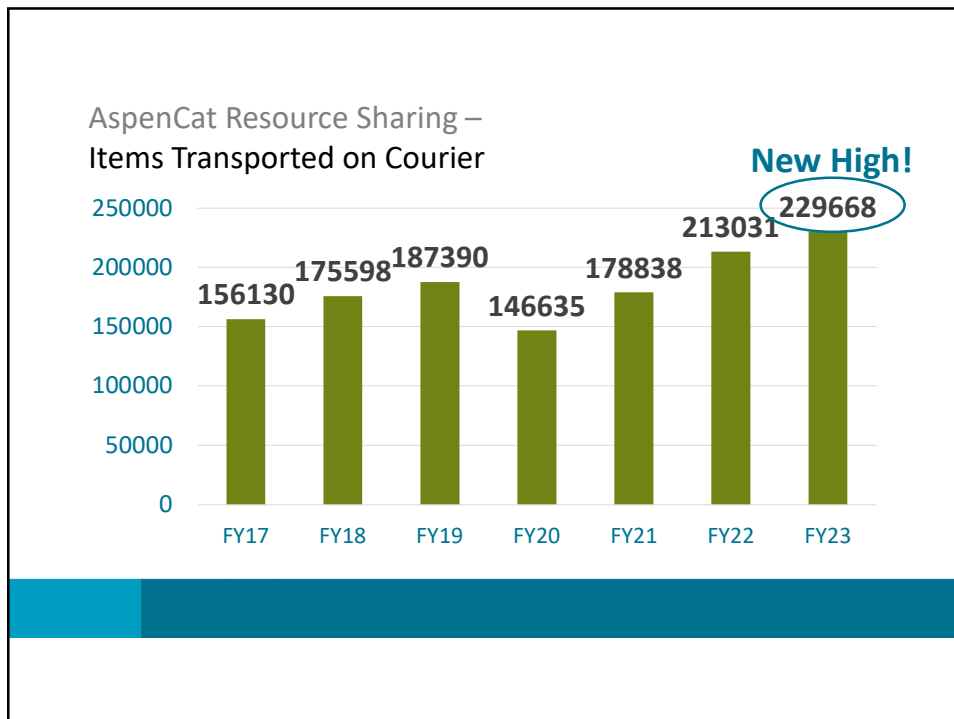


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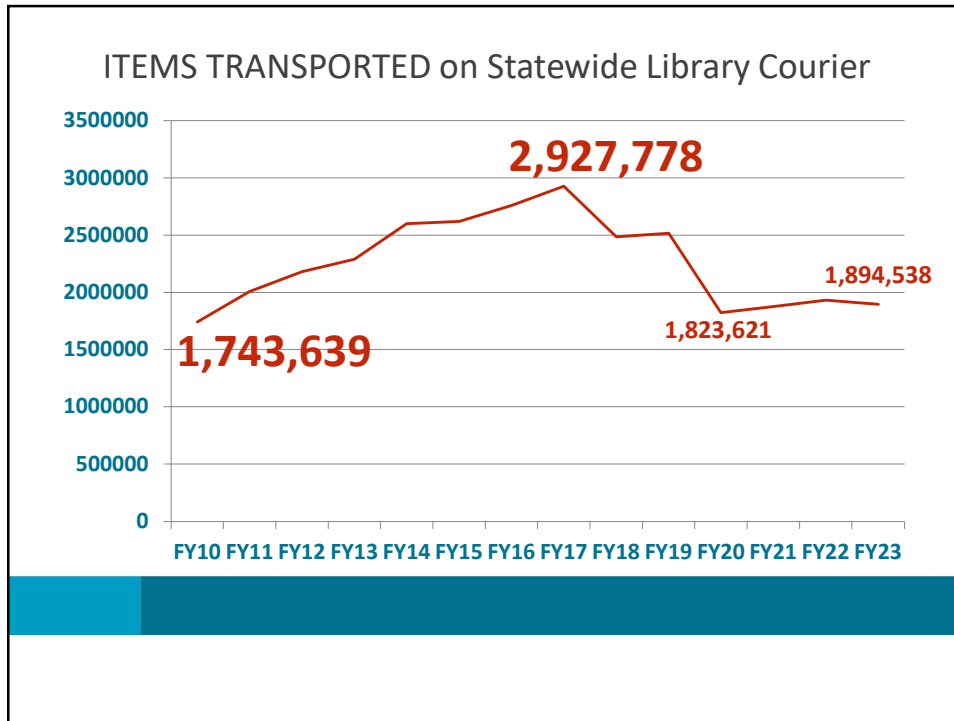
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October 2022
Courier - price increases



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SERVICES COST MONEY

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CLiC

had not seen an increase to its state
appropriation for

18 years

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October 2023
Courier – 8% to 48% savings for libraries!

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BIG NEWS
WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN

<https://www.clicweb.org/advocacy>

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.

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 infrastructure is crucial.

CLiC Colorado Library Consortium
www.clicweb.org
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

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Connecting. Energizing. Inspiring.
Services for libraries throughout
Colorado.

