Parkland Regional Library System
2024 Annual Report

Libraries, Value Beyond Words

1,310,828 books, DVDs, and other items circulated in 2024

Photo from Hughenden Public Library

Thank you!

The Parkland Library Board thanks our member municipalities and the Government of Alberta for continued funding. With your help we supported 49 public libraries in 2024.

Photo from Rocky Mountain House Public Library

Photo from Rimbey Community Library

Parkland libraries have...

664,784 items in their collections.

Virtual Library Services

- 318,298 website and online catalogue visits.
- 58,104 eLibrary database sessions.
- 156,839 digital checkouts.
- 1,269,757 WiFi sessions at libraries.

Parkland HQ

- Completed workshops, training, analysis, and reports on multiple topics for library staff.
- Housed and managed 10,020 print items plus 3,529 non-print items like kits and audiobooks.
- Maintained a collection of 22,567 virtual items like eBooks and eAudiobooks.

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Resource Sharing

- Van drivers made 3,120 deliveries driving 182,250 kilometers.
- 925,450 items delivered in van runs in 2024.
- Finance staff ordered and processed 26,155 new library materials at a cost of $525,526.

Advocacy Activity

In 2024 Parkland helped galvanize the willingness of the regional systems into focusing on three advocacy goals.

1. Future of Public Library Board Operating Grant Funding Structure for Intermunicipal Library Boards.
2. Future of Alberta Library SuperNet.
3. Strengthening Library Services through Sustainable Funding.

IT Support

- Replaced 144 desktop and 20 laptop computers throughout the region.
- Migrated 527 computers from Windows 10 to Windows 11.
- Visited 45 libraries over the course of the year, completing 52 IT consulting visits.

Library Services Support

- 69 visits to 41 member libraries.
- Training provided to 16 library managers.
- 1,445 consulting sessions by Parkland Staff.
- Held 27 training events for 431 attendees.
- Completed 7 visits to municipal councils.

Marketing Activity

- Contests facilitated by Parkland resulted in 2,169 new patrons in September & October.
- Distributed bookmarks, brochures, flyers, stickers, and swag to member libraries to help them market their services.
- Collected patron stories for a "Because of the Library" campaign and partnered with Black Press Media for a 2-month comprehensive advertising campaign.

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*Statistics based on 2024 annual report to PLSB Municipal Affairs