

# Town of Blackfalds

2025 Return on Investment

## Benefits to your Library

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$1,650,340.42**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$16.07**

Based on a population of **10,470**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Blackfalds was **\$102,710.70** in 2025.

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Blackfalds Public Library:

2025 materials allotment	\$	11,831.10
Rural Library Services Grant	\$	9,217.60
Allotment from Lacombe County <sup>1</sup>	\$	1,849.81
Computers for library use	\$	1,099.54
Software & Licensing	\$	11,545.79
SuperNet Connection	\$	10,242.00
Items borrowed from other libraries <sup>2</sup>	\$	972,192.00
Digital items borrowed from PRLS <sup>3</sup>	\$	632,362.58
<b>Combined Savings</b>		<b>\$1,650,340.42</b>

<sup>1</sup> Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 1,637 to the Town of Blackfalds

<sup>2</sup> Average price of an item is \$48.00

<sup>3</sup> Average price of an eBook \$45.82, average price of an eAudiobook \$86.37

# 2025 Quick Facts



**613,251** items  
in the collection



**1,159,357** physical items  
circulated



**50,302** items added  
to the catalog



**34,679**  
cardholders



**921,533** items  
sent on van runs



**1,741** consulting  
sessions



**142** attendees at  
the 2025 PRLS  
Conference



**199,695** digital items  
circulated



**64,569** eLibrary  
sessions



**1,510,864** Wifi  
usages

## Other Parkland Facts:

- Provides access to virtual materials across the province through TRAC.
- Provides training for libraries, boards, friends' groups and more.
- Provides centralized IT support on hardware, software, internet, SuperNet.
- Provides access to shared regional collections of books, tech, program kits, and much more.