

# Clearwater County

## 2024 Return on Investment

### Benefits to your County

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$3,055,870.73**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$27.51**

Based on a population of **12,099**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Clearwater County was **\$111,068.82** in 2024.

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Clearwater County patrons:

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| 2024 materials allotment                                       | \$ | 13,671.87    |
| Rural Library Services Grant 1                                 | \$ | 66,903.20    |
| PRLS contribution to Nordegg Library                           | \$ | 200.00       |
| Computers for outlet library use                               | \$ | -            |
| Software & licensing for outlet library                        | \$ | 2,596.04     |
| SuperNet connection for outlet library                         | \$ | 6,704.40     |
| 4,817 non-resident households 2 (from the 2021 Federal Census) | \$ | 289,020.00   |
| Total county patron checkouts and renewals 3                   | \$ | 2,193,762.42 |
| Digital items borrowed from PRLS                               | \$ | 483,012.80   |

#### Combined Savings

**\$3,055,870.73**

<sup>1</sup> Clearwater County's rural population of 11,947 was distributed to Clearwater County libraries

<sup>2</sup> Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

<sup>3</sup> Average cost of a physical item is \$41.61

Caroline, Nordegg and Rocky Mtn. House all have libraries serving Clearwater County

# 2024 Quick Facts



**664,784** items  
in the collection



**1,310,828** physical items  
circulated



**44,398** items added  
to the catalog



**26,029**  
cardholders



**925,450** items  
sent on van runs



**1,514** consulting  
sessions



Over **170**  
attendees at the  
2024 PRLS  
Conference



**1,269,757** Wifi  
usages



**156,839** digital items  
circulated



**58,104** eLibrary  
sessions

## 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.