

Parkland Regional Library System Libraries - Value Beyond Words **Red Deer County**

2024 Return on Investment

Benefits to your County

Total Financial Benefits

Return on Investment

\$3,745,235.63

\$1.00 = \$18.60

Based on a population of **21,930**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Red Deer County was **\$201,317.40** in 2024.

Cost benefits of PRLS services

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

Combined Savings	\$3,745,235.63		
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	\$	578,441.12	
Total county patron checkouts and renewals 3	\$	2,575,367.73	
7,430 non-resident households 2 (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$	445,800.00	
SuperNet connection for outlet library	\$	6,483.60	
Software & licensing for outlet library	\$	2,596.04	
Computers for outlet library use	\$	2,136.64	
PRLS contribution to Spruce View Library	\$	200.00	
Rural Library Services Grant 1	\$	109,429.60	
2024 materials allotment	\$	24,780.90	
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1 Red Deer County's rural population of 19,541 was distributed to Red Deer County Libraries

2 Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

3 Average cost of a physical item is \$41.61

Bowden, Delburne, Elnora, Innisfail, Penhold, Spruce View, and Sylvan Lake all have libraries serving Red Deer County



2024 Quick Facts



Parkland Regional Library System

in the collection



1,310,828 physical items circulated



44,398 items added to the catalog



26,029 cardholders



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





925,450 items sent on van runs



58,104 eLibrary sessions



1,514 consulting 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.