

Town of Blackfalds

2024 Return on Investment

Benefits to your Library

Total Financial Benefits

\$1,555,395.94

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$14.16

Based on a population of 11,962, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Blackfalds was **\$109,811.16** in 2024.

Cost benefits of PRLS services

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

2024 materials allotment	\$	13,517.06
Rural Library Services Grant	\$	9,217.60
Allotment from Lacombe County ¹	\$	1,943.60
Computers for library use	\$	8,546.56
Software & Licensing	\$	10,369.36
SuperNet Connection	\$	10,242.00
Items borrowed from other libraries ²	\$	962,676.00
Digital items borrowed from PRLS ³	\$	538,883.76
Combined Savings		\$1,555,395.94

¹ Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 1,720 to the Town of Blackfalds

² Average price of an item is \$46.75

³ Average price of an eBook \$40.06, average price of an eAudiobook \$84.26

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



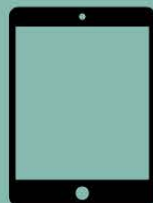
1,514 consulting
sessions



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.