

Clearwater County 2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$438,265.86

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$4.28

Based on a population of **11,975**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Red Deer County was **\$102,386.25** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	\$13,531.75
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$68,142.90
PRLS Contribution to Nordegg Library	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$81,874.65

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Clearwater County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$1,596.00
Software & Licensing	\$14,533.58
SuperNet connection	<u>\$23,650.80</u>
TOTAL	\$39,780.38

Resource Sharing Savings to Nordegg Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	799 @\$15.82	\$12,640.18
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	429 @\$34.85	<u>\$14,950.65</u>
TOTAL		\$27,590.83

Potential non-resident savings for households in Clearwater County:

4817 Households ²	\$289,020.00
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Combined Savings

\$356,391.21

System Membership Benefits:

- 599,120 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Access to 14 subscription online resources, including:
 - *Ancestry Library Edition*, a popular genealogical research resource.
 - *Consumer Reports* for thorough consumer product information.
 - *Grant Connect*, linking Canadian charities with funding programs.
 - *PressReader*, offering access to newspapers and magazines.
 - *Overdrive and Libby*, eBooks and eAudiobooks available on desktop or via app.
- Hosted and managed website with 24/7 technical support
- 40% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library materials
- Library supplies (library cards, barcodes, etc.) included
- Shared regional specialty collections including:
 - Large print books
 - Audiobooks
 - Program kits (book-based, tech-based, gaming, virtual reality)
 - Gaming equipment & promotional items
 - Cooperative Collection
- Access to library collections across Alberta (in-person and through interlibrary lending) and throughout Canada through ME Libraries and the TAL program
- Alternate format collections for visually impaired and print disabled
- Weekly or bi-weekly delivery of library materials
- Postal reimbursement
- Professional library expertise (consulting services) and shared regional knowledge
- Specialized training for library staff and trustees

¹ Clearwater County assigned a rural population of 12,278 to Caroline, Rocky, and Nordegg

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