



Parkland Regional Library System 2022 Annual Report

Expanding opportunities for discovery, growth, and imagination for all Central Albertans



Photo from Cremona Municipal Library

Thank you!

The Parkland Library Board thanks our member municipalities and the Government of Alberta for continued funding. With your help we supported 49 public libraries in 2022.



Photo from Caroline Municipal Library



Parkland Libraries have...

678,471 items in the physical collection and 1,256,988 physical circulations.

Virtual Library Services

- 248,922 website and online catalogue visits
- 91,259 eLibrary database sessions
- 134,981 digital checkouts
- 1,646,392 WiFi sessions at libraries

Parkland HQ

- Completed 23,757 interlibrary loans
- Provided an additional \$66,000 for additional eContent paid for from reserves
- Completed workshops, training, analysis, and reports on multiple topics for library staff.

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Resource Sharing

- 883,300 items delivered in van runs in 2022.
- Purchased, processed, and added 30,594 items to the system catalogue.

Member Support

- 1,067 consulting activities by Parkland Staff
- Created training videos and documents on introduction to budgeting, trustee orientation, building rapport with CAO's, collection development, and marketing.

IT Support

- Implemented a new firewall at PRLS headquarters
- Increased network security to reduce exposure to external threats
- Purchased and replaced 66 desktop and 12 laptop computers
- Replaced one of the critical servers at PRLS
- Initiated the review of our current websites for libraries. The project is ongoing, but new websites will likely be implemented in 2023

Member Libraries Borrowed...

- 14,140 Large Print Books
- 3,310 Audiobooks
- 855 Software and Video Game Kits
- 1,955 Children, Teen, and Adult Programming Kits

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Advocacy Activity

The Parkland and Yellowhead Advocacy Committee was instrumental in creating a Systems Advocacy Committee. The Directors and Chairs from all 7 systems in Alberta have created a robust advocacy plan to increase funding from Municipal Affairs.

Stronger Together

Parkland participated in the second annual Stronger Together Conference. There were 13 sponsors, 20 sessions, and 4 keynote speakers. These were attended by over 1000 registrants.

Marketing Activity

- Partnered with Lacombe Days for a BBQ in July with over 850 attendees.
- Hosted the 2nd annual Canadian Library Month contest and membership drive. We had 481 contest entries and gained 875 new members.

Social Media

- Re-evaluated and implemented a new social media strategy.
- We saw a 271% increase in engagement and a 7% increase in reach.

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Deb Coombes
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Jamie Coston
Janice Wing
Joy-Anne Murphy
Leonard Phillips
Norma Penney
Shannon Wilcox

Director: Ron Sheppard (ext. 230)

Manager of Library Services: Andrea Newland (ext.221)

Manager of Finance and Operations: Donna Williams (ext. 141)

Manager of Technology Infrastructure: Tim Spark (ext. 212)

IT Helpdesk (ext. 600)

Advocacy Committee

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*Statistics based on 2022 annual report to PLSB Municipal Affairs

Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

