

Clearwater County

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$1,526,634.54

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$14.52

Based on a population of **12,013**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Red Deer County was **\$105,113.75** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$13,574.69
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$66,903.20
PRLS Contribution to Nordegg Library	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$80,677.89

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Clearwater County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$6,799.92
Software & Licensing	\$22,867.14
SuperNet connection	<u>\$23,650.80</u>
TOTAL	\$53,317.86

Resource Sharing Savings to Clearwater County Libraries:

Items borrowed from other libraries	35,788 @\$15.78	\$564,734.64
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	11,095 @\$48.57	<u>\$538,884.15</u>
TOTAL		\$1,103,618.79

Potential non-resident savings for households in Clearwater County:

4,817 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$289,020.00
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Combined Savings

\$1,445,956.65

System Membership Benefits:

- 623,386 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
- 41% 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's rural population of 11,947 was distributed to Clearwater County libraries

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

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