



Town of Carstairs

2024 Return on Investment

Benefits to your Library

Total Financial Benefits

\$1,322,215.06

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$28.88

Based on a population of **4,988**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Carstairs was **\$45,789.84** in 2024.

Cost benefits of PRLS services

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

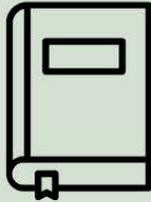
| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 2024 materials allotment | \$ 5,636.44 |
| Rural Library Services Grant | \$ 10,248.00 |
| Allotment from Mountain View County ¹ | \$ 2,151.52 |
| Computers for library use | \$ 4,422.25 |
| Software & Licensing | \$ 7,364.20 |
| SuperNet Connection | \$ 10,242.00 |
| Items borrowed from other libraries ² | \$ 984,601.75 |
| Digital items borrowed from PRLS ³ | \$ 297,548.90 |
| Combined Savings | \$1,322,215.06 |

¹ Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 1,904 to the Town of Carstairs

² Average price of an item \$46.75

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

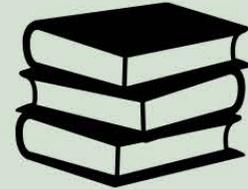
2024 Quick Facts



664,784 items
in the collection



1,310,828 physical items
circulated



44,398 items added
to the catalog



26,029
cardholders



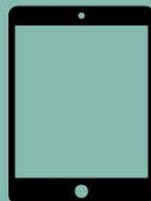
925,450 items
sent on van runs



1,514 consulting
sessions



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



156,839 digital items
circulated



58,104 eLibrary
sessions



1,269,757 Wifi
usages

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.