

Parkland Regional Library

2017 Annual Report Highlights

PRL serves 221,510 residents across Central Alberta in 64 municipalities and 5 First Nations reserves, with 49 member libraries. In 2017 we invested in our libraries to effectively serve and support their communities.

1,274,063
items were borrowed
across the region. That's an
average of 30 per patron!



77,192
eContent items
were borrowed.



1 item is borrowed every
02:00 minutes from one
of our libraries.



28,095
New resources (books,
equipment, and devices)
were added to our libraries.

253,529



Items were borrowed
between libraries in
our region.



Our delivery vans made
the equivalent of 6 trips
around the earth!



44,017

cardholders
across the region.



Our Indigenous Liaison built relationships
and delivered pop-up library services to
First Nations communities.



Consulting Services



PRL Consultant Librarians offered 540 hours
of professional expertise and support to
libraries and boards. They visited libraries 63
times and offered remote support 283 times.



243 people attended training workshops
hosted by PRL gaining new knowledge
to support their communities.

IT Services



Parkland Regional Library is the only library
system in Alberta to centrally manage IT
services for all of our member libraries!



IT Negotiated a savings of \$500 per
month on internet service fees and
increased bandwidth across the region!

50 new SuperNet devices & 97 new
computers were installed in libraries.



People visited PRL library websites an
average of **1,549** times per day!



People connected to SuperNet wifi across the
region **2,870** times per day!

Financial Highlights



\$675,053

delivered in direct grants and purchases for member libraries.

\$732,738

invested in professional support to member library staff and trustees, including workshops and training, communications and helpdesk support.

\$780,656

invested in building and managing strong regional collections, including shared digital collections, large print and audio books, and specialty collections such as program kits, gaming, and virtual reality.

\$303,835

invested in IT Infrastructure across our region, including computer maintenance and software licensing, computers purchased for member libraries, and the SuperNet.

\$262,888

invested in transportation and delivery of library materials to our member libraries.

\$549,419

invested in regional library operations and administration.

\$109,624

invested in First Nations programming and outreach

\$3,414,213

total invested by municipalities across Central Alberta and the Government of Alberta to provide high level library services to as many Albertans as possible.