

# Town of Didsbury

2025 Return on Investment

## Benefits to your Library

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$1,353,553.77**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$27.21**

Based on a population of **5,070**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Didsbury was **\$49,736.70** in 2025.

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

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

|                                                  |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2025 materials allotment                         | \$ 5,729.10           |
| Rural Library Services Grant                     | \$ 13,176.80          |
| Allotment from Mountain View County <sup>1</sup> | \$ 2,641.94           |
| Computers for library use                        | \$ 4,097.21           |
| Software & Licensing                             | \$ 8,983.49           |
| SuperNet Connection                              | \$ 10,242.00          |
| Items borrowed from other libraries <sup>2</sup> | \$ 959,664.00         |
| Digital items borrowed from PRLS <sup>3</sup>    | \$ 349,019.23         |
| <b>Combined Savings</b>                          | <b>\$1,353,553.77</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 2,338 to the Town of Didsbury

<sup>2</sup> Average price of an item \$48.00

<sup>3</sup> Average price of an eBook \$45.82, average price of an eAudiobook \$86.37

# 2025 Quick Facts



**613,251** items  
in the collection



**1,159,357** physical items  
circulated



**50,302** items added  
to the catalog



**34,679**  
cardholders



**921,533** items  
sent on van runs



**1,741** consulting  
sessions



**142** attendees at  
the 2025 PRLS  
Conference



**199,695** digital items  
circulated



**64,569** eLibrary  
sessions



**1,510,864** 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.