



Mountain View County 2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$3,520,460.88

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$28.82

Based on a population of **13,958**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Mountain View County was **\$122,132.50** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$15,772.54
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$73,214.40
PRLS Contribution to Water Valley Library	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$89,186.94

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Mountain View County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$3,399.96
Software & Licensing	\$47,455.14
SuperNet connection	<u>\$53,935.20</u>
TOTAL	\$104,790.30

Resource Sharing Savings to Mountain View County Libraries:

Items borrowed from other libraries	97,074 @\$15.78	\$1,531,827.72
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	30,756 @\$48.57	<u>\$1,493,818.92</u>
TOTAL		\$3,025,646.64

Potential non-resident savings for households in Mountain View County:

5,014 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$300,840.00
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Combined Savings

\$3,431,276.94

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 Mountain View's rural population of 13,074 was distributed to Mountain View County libraries

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

Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, and Water Valley all have libraries serving Mountain View County