

2020 Return on Investment for Village of Alix

Village of Alix membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$6,275.70

(Based on official 2020 population of 734 x \$8.55 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Alix Public Library

2020 materials allotment	\$829.42
2020 Rural Services Grant	\$3,690.75
2020 allotment from county population ¹	\$753.71
	\$5,273.88

Technology Savings to Alix Public Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$2,328.38
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
	\$8,370.38

Resource Sharing Savings to Alix Public Library

5,448 items borrowed from other libraries ²	\$83,681.28
1,225 digital items borrowed from PRLS ³	\$56,350.00
	\$140,031.28

Total financial benefits to Alix Public Library \$153,675.54

Village of Alix Return on Investment \$1 = \$24.49

Alix Public Library averaged a 42% discount on books purchased through PRLS

¹ Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 667 to Village of Alix

² With bulk purchasing, PRLS's average purchase price for library books was \$15.36

³ PRLS paid an average price of \$46 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks

System Membership Benefits:

- 680,000 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Subscription databases including Ancestry (genealogy), Solaro (Alberta curriculum support), Consumer Reports, Niche Academy, Grant Connect, and Novelist; Press Reader (newspapers & magazines) Pronunciator (language learning), and Alberta eBooks
- Broadband internet connection (SuperNet) and Wi-Fi
- SuperNet connection paid for by the Government of Alberta
- Centrally managed computers, network, and website
- 24/7 I.T. support included
- Shared library database to manage borrowers and materials (Integrated Library System) with public access for patrons to manage their own account
- 42% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library material
- Library supplies (library cards, barcodes, etc.) included
- Shared specialty collections including:
 - Large print books
 - Audio books
 - Program kits (book-based, tech-based, gaming, virtual reality)
 - Technical equipment & promotional items
- Access to library collections across Alberta (in-person and through interlibrary lending) and throughout Canada
- Alternate format collections for visually impaired and print disabled
- Weekly or bi-weekly delivery of library materials
- Professional library expertise (consulting services) and shared regional knowledge
- Included training for staff and trustees