Parkland Regional Library System
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2020 Return on Investment for Village of Alliance

Village of Alliance membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = $1,316.70

(Based on official 2020 population of 154 x $8.55 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Alliance Public Library

2020 materials allotment	$174.02
2020 Rural Services Grant	$2,491.95
2020 allotment from county population [1]	$527.71
	$3,193.68

Technology Savings to Alliance Public Library

Computers for library use	$0.00
Software & licensing	$1,579.70
SuperNet connection	$6,042.00
	$7,621.70

Resource Sharing Savings for Alliance Public Library

151 items borrowed from other libraries [2]	$2,319.36
56 digital items borrowed from PRLS [3]	$2,576.00
	$4,895.36

Total financial benefits to Alliance Public Library $15,710.74

Village of Alliance Return on Investment $1 = $11.93

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

[1] Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 467 to Village of Alliance

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

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

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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

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