Parkland Regional Library System
Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

2020 Return on Investment for Town of Bashaw

Town of Bashaw membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = $7,096.50

(Based on official 2020 population of 830 x $8.55 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Bashaw Municipal Library

2020 materials allotment	$937.90
2020 Rural Services Grant	$7,370.40
2020 allotment from county population [1]	$1,635.11
	$9,943.41

Technology Savings to Bashaw Municipal Library

Computers for library use	$0.00
Software & licensing	$2,405.80
SuperNet connection	$6,042.00
	$8,447.80

Resource Sharing Savings to Bashaw Municipal Library

4,449 items borrowed from other libraries [2]	$68,336.64
1,131 digital items borrowed from PRLS [3]	$52,026.00
	$120,362.64

Total financial benefits to Bashaw Municipal Library $138,753.85

Town of Bashaw Return on Investment $1= $19.55

Bashaw Municipal Library averaged a 42% discount on books purchased through PRLS

[1] Camrose County assigned a rural population of 1,447 to Town of Bashaw

[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