

2020 Return on Investment for Town of Bentley

Town of Bentley membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$9,216.90

(Based on official 2020 population of 1,078 x \$8.55 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Bentley Municipal Library

2020 materials allotment	\$1,218.14
2020 Rural Service Grant	\$10,844.70
2020 allotment from county population ¹	\$2,075.81
2020 allotment from SV of Gull Lake ²	\$198.88
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	\$14,337.53

Technology Savings to Bentley Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$1,831.18
Software & licensing	\$3,283.80
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
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	\$11,156.98

Resource Sharing Savings to Bentley Municipal Library

4,366 items borrowed from other libraries ³	\$67,061.76
1,535 digital items borrowed from PRLS ⁴	\$70,610.00
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	\$137,671.76

Total financial benefits to Bentley Municipal Library \$163,166.27

Town of Bentley Return on Investment \$1 = \$17.70

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

¹ Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 1,837 to the Town of Bentley

² The Summer Village of Gull Lake assigned its population of 176 to Bentley Municipal Library

³ With bulk purchasing, PRLS' average purchase price for library books was \$15.36

⁴ 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