Parkland Regional Library System
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2020 Return on Investment for Village of Big Valley

Village of Big Valley membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = $2,983.95

(Based on official 2020 population of 349 x $8.55 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Big Valley Municipal Library

2020 materials allotment	$394.37
2020 allotment from county population [1]	$624.89
	$1,019.26

Technology Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library

Computers for library use	$0.00
Software & licensing	$1,734.54
SuperNet connection	$6,042.00
	$7,776.54

Resource Sharing Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library

867 items borrowed from other libraries [2]	$13,317.12
236 digital items borrowed from PRLS [3]	$10,856.00
	$24,173.12

Total financial benefits to Big Valley Municipal Library $32,968.92

Village of Big Valley Return on Investment $1= $11.05

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

[1] Stettler County assigned a rural population of 553 to Village of Big Valley

[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

Stettler and Stettler County have an intermunicipal library board which receives its operating grant directly from the province. They do not receive a Rural Library Services Grant through Parkland.

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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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