

Lacombe County

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$406,111.68

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$4.59

Based on a population of **10,343**, the membership levy for Lacombe County was **\$88,432.65** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Lacombe County Libraries:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 11,687.59
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	<u>\$ 57,231.60</u>
TOTAL	\$68,919.19

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Lacombe County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$ 12,960.76
Software & Licensing	\$ 39,338.53
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 46,513.20</u>
TOTAL	\$98,812.49

Potential non-resident savings for households in Lacombe County:

3973 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$238,380.00
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Combined Savings

\$337,192.49

Additional System Membership Benefits:

- 680,000 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Access to 16 subscription online resources, including:
 - *Ancestry Library Edition*, a popular genealogical research resource.
 - *Consumer Reports* for thorough consumer product information.
 - *Grant Connect*, linking Canadian charities with funding programs.
 - *PressReader*, offering access to newspapers and magazines.
 - *Solaro*, an Albertan study and exam prep resource for grades 3-12.
- Broadband internet connection (SuperNet) and Wi-Fi
- SuperNet connection paid for by the Government of Alberta
- Centrally managed computers, network, and website
- Hosted and managed website with 24/7 technical support
- Shared library database to manage borrowers and materials (Integrated Library System) with public access for patrons to manage their own account
- 38% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library materials
- Library supplies (library cards, barcodes, etc.) included
- Shared regional 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 through ME Libraries and the TAL program
- 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
- Training for library staff and trustees

¹ Lacombe County's rural population of 10,312 was distributed to Lacombe County Libraries

² Number of county families eligible to save the \$60 non-resident fee
Alix, Bentley, Blackfalds, Clive, Eckville, and Lacombe have libraries serving Lacombe County