Mountain View County

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$543,439.01	**$1.00 = $4.86**

Based on a population of **13,074,** the membership levy for Mountain View County was **$111,782.70** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Mountain View County Libraries:

2021 materials allotment	$ 14,773.62
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$ 68,598.00
PRLS Contribution to Water Valley Library	$ 200.00
TOTAL	**$83,571.62**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Mountain View County Libraries:

Computers for library use		$ 6,323.52
Software & Licensing		$ 37,229.52
SuperNet connection		$ 53,683.20
TOTAL		**$97,236.24**

Resource Sharing Savings to Water Valley Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	2,930 @$15.82	$ 46,352.60
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	443 @$34.85	$ 15,438.55
TOTAL		**$61,791.15**

Potential non-resident savings for households in Mountain View County:

5014 Households [2] (from the 2021 Federal Census)	**$300,840.00**
Combined Savings	**$459,867.39**

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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

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[1] Mountain View's rural population of 12,360 was distributed to Mountain View County libraries

[2] Number of county families eligible to save the $60 non-resident fee

Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, and Water Valley all have libraries serving Mountain View County

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