

## Paintearth County 2021 Return on Investment

### Your Membership

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$88,187.70**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$4.90**

Based on a population of **2,102**, the membership levy for Paintearth County was **\$17,972.10** in 2021.

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

2021 materials allotment	\$ 2,375.26
Rural Library Services Grant <sup>1</sup>	\$ 11,260.95
PRLS Contribution to Brownfield Library	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,836.21</b>

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Paintearth County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$ 0.00
Software & Licensing	\$ 5,931.07
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 6,441.60</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,372.67</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Brownfield Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,231 @\$15.82	\$ 19,474.42
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	104 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 3,624.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$23,098.82</b>

Potential non-resident savings for households in Paintearth County:

648 Households <sup>2</sup> (from the 2021 Federal Census)	<b>\$38,880.00</b>
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**Combined Savings**

**\$74,351.49**

## 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

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<sup>1</sup> Paintearth County's rural population of 2,029 was distributed to Paintearth County libraries

<sup>2</sup> Number of county families eligible to save the \$60 non-resident fee  
Brownfield, Castor, and Coronation have libraries serving Paintearth County