Parkland Regional Library System
Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

Red Deer County

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$772,381.95	**$1.00 = $4.62**

Based on a population of **19,541,** the membership levy for Red Deer County was **$167,075.55** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Red Deer County Libraries:

2021 materials allotment	$ 22,081.33
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$ 101,848.05
PRLS Contribution to Spruce View Library	$ 200.00
TOTAL	**$124,129.38**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Red Deer County Libraries:

Computers for library use		$ 5,426.46
Software & Licensing		$ 34,605.50
SuperNet connection		$ 56,808.00
TOTAL		**$96,839.96**

Resource Sharing Savings to Spruce View Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	4,788 @$15.82	$ 75,746.16
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	857 @$34.85	$ 29,866.45
TOTAL		**$105,612.61**

Potential non-resident savings for households in Red Deer County:

7430 Households [2] (from the 2021 Federal Census)	**$445,800.00**

Combined Savings	**$648,252.57**

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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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