

## Town of Bashaw

### 2021 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$145,020.66**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$20.43**

Based on a population of **830**, the membership levy for the Town of Bashaw was **\$7,096.50** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Bashaw Municipal Library:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 937.90
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 7,725.60
Allotment from Camrose County	<u>\$ 1,648.67</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,312.17</b>

#### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Bashaw Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 1,210.78
Software & Licensing	\$ 3,624.95
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 6,662.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,498.13</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Bashaw Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	6,678 @\$15.82	\$ 105,645.96
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	504 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 17,564.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$123,210.36</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$134,708.49**

## 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> Camrose County assigned a rural population of 1,459 to the Town of Bashaw