

Town of Blackfalds

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$356,337.01

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$4.11

Based on a population of **10,125**, the membership levy for the Town of Blackfalds was **\$86,568.75** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Blackfalds Public Library:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 11,441.25
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 9,446.10
Allotment from Lacombe County ¹	<u>\$ 1,925.52</u>
TOTAL	\$22,812.87

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Blackfalds Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 7,848.02
Software & Licensing	\$ 13,872.68
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$31,920.70

Resource Sharing Savings to Blackfalds Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	12,782 @\$15.82	\$ 202,211.24
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	2,852 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 99,392.20</u>
TOTAL		\$301,603.44

Combined Savings

\$333,524.14

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 assigned a rural population of 1,704 to the Town of Blackfalds