

## Town of Castor

### 2021 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$54,710.44**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$6.88**

Based on a population of **929**, the membership levy for the Town of Castor was **\$7,942.95** in 2021.

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

2021 materials allotment	\$ 1,049.77
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 4,956.15
Allotment from Paintearth County	<u>\$ 1,049.77</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,055.69</b>

#### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Castor Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 0.00
Software & Licensing	\$ 1,568.20
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 6,441.60</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,009.80</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Castor Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	2,050 @\$15.82	\$ 32,431.00
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	207 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 7,213.95</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$39,644.95</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$47,654.75**

## 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