

Town of Didsbury

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$511,705.99

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$11.36

Based on a population of **5,268**, the membership levy for the Town of Didsbury was **\$45,041.40** in 2021.

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

2021 materials allotment	\$ 5,952.84
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 12,348.75
Allotment from Mountain View County	<u>\$ 2,705.22</u>
TOTAL	\$21,006.81

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 3,318.62
Software & Licensing	\$ 10,493.28
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$24,011.90

Resource Sharing Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	22,054 @\$15.82	\$ 348,894.28
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	3,380 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 117,793.00</u>
TOTAL		\$466,687.28

Combined Savings

\$490,699.18

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 Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 2,394 to the Town of Didsbury