Parkland Regional Library System
Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

Town of Stettler

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$784,818.63	**$1.00 = $15.42**

Based on a population of **5,952,** the membership levy for the Town of Stettler was **$50,889.60** in 2021.

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

2021 materials allotment	$ 6,725.76
Rural Library Services Grant from Summer Villages	$ 865.80
Allotment from Summer Villages 1	$ 232.78
Allotment from Stettler County 2	$ 5033.02
TOTAL	**$12,857.36**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Stettler Public Library:

Computers for library use	$ 897.06
Software & Licensing	$ 9,686.24
SuperNet connection	$ 10,200.00
TOTAL	**$20,783.30**

Resource Sharing Savings to Stettler Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	35,206@$15.82	$ 556,958.92
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	5,573@$34.85	$ 194,219.05
TOTAL		**$751,177.97**

Combined Savings	**$771,961.27**

Stettler and Stettler County have an intermunicipal library board which receives its operating grant directly from the province. They do not receive their Rural Library Services Grant through Parkland.

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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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[1] The Summer Villages of Rochon Sands and White Sands assigned a rural population of 206 to the Stettler Public Library

[2] Stettler County assigned its population of 4,454 to Stettler Public Library