

Lacombe County 2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$395,033.01

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$4.53

Based on a population of **10,190**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Lacombe County was **\$87,124.50** in 2022.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Lacombe County Libraries:

2022 materials allotment	\$11,514.70
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	<u>\$57,231.60</u>
TOTAL	\$68,746.30

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Lacombe County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$11,485.05
Software & Licensing	\$29,782.46
SuperNet connection	<u>\$46,639.20</u>
TOTAL	\$87,906.71

Potential non-resident savings for households in Lacombe County:

3,973 Households ²	\$238,380.00
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Combined Savings

\$326,286.71

System Membership Benefits:

- 599,120 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Access to 14 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.
 - *Overdrive and Libby*, eBooks and eAudiobooks available on desktop or via app.
- Hosted and managed website with 24/7 technical support
- 40% 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
 - Audiobooks
 - Program kits (book-based, tech-based, gaming, virtual reality)
 - Gaming equipment & promotional items
 - Cooperative Collection
- 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
- Postal reimbursement
- Professional library expertise (consulting services) and shared regional knowledge
- Specialized training for library staff and trustees

¹ Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 10,312 to the Lacombe County Libraries

² Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

Alix, Bentley, Blackfalds, Clive, Eckville, and Lacombe have libraries serving Lacombe County