Parkland Regional Library System
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Mountain View County

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$560,080.55	**$1.00 = $4.91**

Based on a population of **13,345,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Red Deer County was **$114,099.75** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	$15,079.85
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$68,598.00
PRLS Contribution to Water Valley Library	$200.00
TOTAL	**$83,877.85**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Mountain View County Libraries:

Computers for library use	$8,350.35
Software & Licensing	$32,871.68
SuperNet connection	$53,935.20
TOTAL	**$95,157.23**

Resource Sharing Savings to Water Valley Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	3041 @$15.82	$48,108.62
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	921 @$34.85	$32,096.85
TOTAL		**$80,205.47**

Potential non-resident savings for households in Mountain View County:

5,014 Households [2]	**$300,840.00**
Combined Savings	**$476,202.70**

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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

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[1] Mountain View's rural population of 12,360 was distributed to Mountain View County Libraries
[2] Number of county families can save the $60 non-resident fee

Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, and Water Valley all have libraries serving Mountain View County

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