



Paintearth County 2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$125,110.27

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$7.29

Based on a population of **2,006**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Red Deer County was **\$17,151.30** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	\$2,266.78
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$11,260.95
PRLS Contribution to Brownfield Library	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,727.73

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Paintearth County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$3,192.00
Software & Licensing	\$6,074.48
SuperNet connection	<u>\$19,450.80</u>
TOTAL	\$28,717.28

Resource Sharing Savings to Brownfield Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,468 @\$15.82	\$23,223.76
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	590 @\$34.85	<u>\$20,561.50</u>
TOTAL		\$43,785.26

Potential non-resident savings for households in Paintearth County:

648 Households ²	\$38,880.00
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Combined Savings **\$111,382.54**

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 Paintearth County's rural population of 2,029 was distributed to Paintearth County libraries

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

Brownfield, Castor, and Coronation have libraries serving Paintearth County