

Ponoka County 2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$318,320.59

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$3.67

Based on a population of **10,132**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Ponoka County was **\$86,628.60** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	\$11,449.16
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	<u>\$49,150.80</u>
TOTAL	\$60,599.96

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Ponoka County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$3,990.00
Software & Licensing	\$11,780.63
SuperNet connection	<u>\$20,610.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,380.63

Potential non-resident savings for households in Ponoka County:

3,689 Households ²	\$221,340.00
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Combined Savings **\$257,720.63**

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 Ponoka County assigned a rural population of 8,856 to the Ponoka County Libraries

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

Ponoka and Rimbey have libraries serving Ponoka County