Parkland Regional Library System
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Stettler County

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$914,806.45	**$1.00 = $19.30**

Based on a population of **5,545,** the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Stettler County was **$47,409.75** in 2022.

The **direct financial return** to Stettler County Libraries:

2022 materials allotment	**$1,254.30**

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

2022 materials allotment	$6,611.63
Rural Library Services Grant from Summer Villages	$865.80
TOTAL	**$7,477.43**

Resource Sharing Savings to Stettler Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	39,866@$15.82	$556,98,92
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	6,781@$34.85	$239,454.35
		$751,177.97

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Stettler County Libraries:

Computers for library use	$2,394.00
Software & Licensing	$12,593.55
SuperNet connection	$23,209.20
TOTAL	**$38,196.75**

Potential non-resident savings for households in Stettler County:

1,945 Households [1]	**$116,700.00**

Combined Savings	**$154,896.75**

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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

[1] Number of county families can save the $60 non-resident fee
Big Valley, Donalda, and Stettler have libraries serving Stetter County

*Due to the intermunicipal library board between Stettler and Stettler County, the cost benefits for Stettler Public Library have been included.

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