Parkland Regional Library System
Libraries – Value Beyond Words

Town of Bentley

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$194,000.77	**$1.00 = $20.40**

Based on a population of **1,112,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Bentley was **$9,507.60** in 2022.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Bentley Municipal Library:

2022 materials allotment	$1,256.56
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$7,620.15
Allotment from Lacombe County	$1,396.68
Allotment from S.V. of Gull Lake	$ 211.31
TOTAL	**$10,484.70**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Bentley Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	$2,764.35
Software & Licensing	$3,523.04
SuperNet connection	$6,483.60
TOTAL	**$12,770.99**

Resource Sharing Savings to Bentley Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	6,559@$15.82	$103,763.38
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,922@$34.85	$66,981.70
TOTAL		**$170,745.08**

Combined Savings	**$183,516.07**

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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] Lacombe County and the S.V. of Gull Lake assigned a rural population of 1,373 to the Bentley Municipal Library