

## Town of Carstairs

### 2022 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$646,886.39**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$15.98**

Based on a population of **4,735**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Carstairs was **\$40,484.25** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	\$5,350.55
Rural Library Services Grant 1	\$8,918.85
Allotment from Mountain View County	<u>\$1,969.59</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,238.99</b>

#### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Carstairs Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$3,192.00
Software & Licensing	\$6,607.83
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,041.83</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Carstairs Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	22,941 @\$15.82	\$362,926.62
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	7,107 @\$34.85	<u>\$247,678.95</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$610,605.57</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$630,647.40**

## 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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<sup>1</sup> Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 1,607 to the Town of Carstairs