Parkland Regional Library System
Libraries – Value Beyond Words

Town of Didsbury

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$623,289.76	**$1.00 = $13.66**

Based on a population of **5,337,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Didsbury was **$45,631.35** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	$6,030.81
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$12,348.75
Allotment from Mountain View County	$2,761.72
TOTAL	**$21,141.28**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	$ 0.00
Software & Licensing	$7,992.50
SuperNet connection	$10,242.00
TOTAL	**$18,234.50**

Resource Sharing Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	21,864 @$15.82	$345,888.48
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	6,830 @$34.85	$238,025.50
TOTAL		**$583,913.98**

Combined Savings	**$602,148.48**

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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] Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 2,225 to the Town of Didsbury