



Town of Eckville

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$168,045.75

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$16.42

Based on a population of **1,197**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Eckville was **\$10,234.35** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	\$1,352.61
Rural Library Services Grant 1	\$9,063.15
Allotment from Lacombe County	<u>\$1,823.82</u>
TOTAL	\$12,239.58

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Eckville Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$1,596.00
Software & Licensing	\$3,443.07
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,704.40</u>
TOTAL	\$11,743.47

Resource Sharing Savings to Eckville Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	4,890 @\$15.82	\$77,359.80
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,914 @\$34.85	<u>\$66,702.90</u>
TOTAL		\$144,062.70

Combined Savings

\$155,806.17

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 Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 1,633 to the Town of Eckville