

## Town of Provost 2022 Return on Investment

### Your Membership

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$111,296.54**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$5.96**

Based on a population of **2,184**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Provost was **\$18,673.20** in 2022.

The **direct financial return** to Provost Municipal Library:

2022 materials allotment	\$2,467.92
Allotment from MD of Provost	<u>\$493.81</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,961.73</b>

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Provost Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$1,596.00
Software & Licensing	\$3,098.01
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,704.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,802.41</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Provost Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	3,695 @\$15.82	\$58,454.90
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,150 @\$34.85	<u>\$40,077.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$98,532.40</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$108,334.81**

## 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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**MD Provost has an intermunicipal library board which receives its operating grant directly from the province. They do not receive their Rural Library Services Grant through Parkland.**