Parkland Regional Library System
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Village of Forestburg

2022 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	**Return on Investment**
$121,806.44	**$1.00 = $16.38**

Based on a population of **870,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Forestburg was **$7,438.50** in 2022.

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

2022 materials allotment	$ 983.10
Rural Library Services Grant [1]	$2,491.95
Allotment from Flagstaff County	$ 527.71
TOTAL	**$4,002.76**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Forestburg Public Library:

Computers for library use	$ 798.00
Software & Licensing	$1,848.10
SuperNet connection	$6,483.60
TOTAL	**$9,129.70**

Resource Sharing Savings to Forestburg Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	3,684 @$15.82	$58,280.88
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,446 @$34.85	$50,393.10
TOTAL		**$108,673.98**

Combined Savings	**$117,803.68**

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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] Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 449 to the Village of Forestburg