

## Camrose County 2023 Return on Investment

### Your Membership

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$2,362,735.59**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$29.81**

Based on a population of **9,057**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Camrose County was **\$79,248.75** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Camrose County Libraries:

2023 materials allotment	\$10,234.41
Rural Library Services Grant	<u>\$48,496.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,730.41</b>

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Camrose County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$6,799.92
Software & Licensing	\$30,810.86
SuperNet connection	<u>\$36,397.20</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,007.98</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to libraries in Camrose County:

Items borrowed from other libraries	64,414 @\$15.78	\$1,016,452.92
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	21,004 @48.57	<u>\$1,020,164.28</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,036,617.20</b>

Potential non-resident savings for households in Camrose County:

3,223 Households <sub>2</sub> (from the 2021 Federal Census)	<b>\$193,380.00</b>
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#### **Combined Savings**

**\$2,304,005.18**

## System Membership Benefits:

- 623,386 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
- 41% 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> Camrose County assigned a rural population of 8,660 to the Camrose County Libraries

<sup>2</sup> Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

Bashaw, Bawlf, Camrose, Edberg, and Hay Lakes have libraries serving Camrose County