



City of Lacombe

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$1,381,238.29

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$11.35

Based on a population of **13,907**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the City of Lacombe was **\$121,686.25** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Mary C. Moore Public Library:

2023 materials allotment	\$15,714.91
Rural Library Services Grant	\$15,635.20
Allotment from Lacombe County ¹	<u>\$3,292.82</u>
TOTAL	\$34,642.93

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Mary C. Moore Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$6,799.92
Software & Licensing	\$13,370.76
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
TOTAL	\$30,412.68

Resource Sharing Savings to Mary C. Moore Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	43,475 @\$15.78	\$686,035.50
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	12,974 @\$48.57	<u>\$630,147.18</u>
TOTAL		\$1,316,182.68

Combined Savings

\$1,346,595.36

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

† Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 2,914 to the City of Lacombe