Village of Big Valley

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$56,559.41	**$1.00 = $17.96**

Based on a population of **360,** the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Big Valley was **$3,150.00** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** to Big Valley Municipal Library:

2023 materials allotment	$406.80
Allotment from Stettler County [2]	$657.66
TOTAL	**$1,064.46**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	$0.00
Software & Licensing	$4,132.52
SuperNet connection	$6,483.60
TOTAL	**$10,616.12**

Resource Sharing Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	2,053 @$15.78	$32,396.34
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	257 @$48.57	$12,482.49
TOTAL		**$44,878.83**

Combined Savings	**$55,494.95**

Libraries – Value Beyond Words

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

---

[1] Stettler County assigned a rural population of 582 to the Village of Big Valley