

Flagstaff County 2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$753,876.36

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$23.60

Based on a population of **3,651**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Flagstaff County was **\$31,946.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$4,125.63
Rural Library Services Grant	<u>\$20,932.80</u>
TOTAL	\$25,058.43

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Flagstaff County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$3,399.96
Software & Licensing	\$34,039.20
SuperNet connection	<u>\$52,089.60</u>
TOTAL	\$89,528.76

Resource Sharing Savings to libraries in Flagstaff County:

Items borrowed from other libraries	19,080 @15.78	\$301,082.40
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	5,261 @48.57	<u>\$255,526.77</u>
TOTAL		\$556,609.17

Potential non-resident savings for households in Flagstaff County:

1,378 Households ₂ (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$82,680.00
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Combined Savings

\$728,817.93

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 Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 3,738 to the Flagstaff County Libraries

² Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

Alliance, Daysland, Forestburg, Hardisty, Heisler, Killam, Loughheed, and Sedgewick have libraries serving Flagstaff County