

Lacombe County 2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$2,927,477.28

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$31.00

Based on a population of **10,791**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for Lacombe County was **\$94,421.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$12,193.83
Rural Library Services Grant	<u>\$57,920.80</u>
TOTAL	\$70,114.63

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Lacombe County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$14,449.83
Software & Licensing	\$45,650.18
SuperNet connection	<u>\$46,639.20</u>
TOTAL	\$106,739.21

Resource Sharing Savings to libraries in Lacombe County:

Items borrowed from other libraries	81,363 @\$15.78	\$1,283,908.14
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	25,290 @48.57	<u>\$1,228,335.30</u>
TOTAL		\$2,512,243.44

Potential non-resident savings for households in Lacombe County:

3,973 Households ₂ (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$238,380.00
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Combined Savings

\$2,857,362.65

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 Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 10,343 to the Lacombe County Libraries

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

Alix, Bentley, Blackfalds, Clive, Eckville, and Lacombe have libraries serving Lacombe County