Town of Bentley

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$229,547.55	**$1.00 = $25.42**

Based on a population of **1,032,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Bentley was **$9,030.00** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Bentley Municipal Library:

2023 materials allotment	$1,166.16
Rural Library Services Grant	$13,960.80
Allotment from Lacombe County [1]	$2,730.08
Allotment from S.V. of Gull Lake [2]	$238.43
TOTAL	**$18,095.47**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Bentley Municipal Library:

Computers for library use		$1,699.98
Software & Licensing		$5,447.96
SuperNet connection		$6,483.60
TOTAL		**$13,631.54**

Resource Sharing Savings to Bentley Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	7,673@$15.78	$121,079.94
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,580@$48.57	$76,740.60
TOTAL		**$197,820.54**

Combined Savings	**$211,452.08**

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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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[1] Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 2,416 to the Bentley Municipal Library
[2] S.V. of Gull Lake assigned its population of 211 to Bentley Municipal Library

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