

## Town of Blackfalds

### 2023 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$713,332.46**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$7.07**

Based on a population of **11,530**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Blackfalds was **\$100,887.50** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$13,028.90
Rural Library Services Grant	\$9,906.40
Allotment from Lacombe County <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$2,084.85</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,020.15</b>

#### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Blackfalds Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$4,249.95
Software & Licensing	\$12,628.94
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,120.89</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Blackfalds Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	19,290 @\$15.78	\$304,396.20
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	7,346 @\$48.57	<u>\$356,795.22</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$661,191.42</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$688,312.31**

## 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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<sup>1</sup> Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 1,845 to the Town of Blackfalds