

Town of Bowden

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$96,144.79

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$8.57

Based on a population of **1,282**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Bowden was **\$11,217.50** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$1,448.66
Rural Library Services Grant	\$15,321.60
Allotment from Red Deer County ¹	<u>\$3,413.73</u>
TOTAL	\$20,183.99

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Bowden Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$1,699.98
Software & Licensing	\$4,132.52
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,483.60</u>
TOTAL	\$12,316.10

Resource Sharing Savings to Bowden Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,891 @\$15.78	\$29,839.98
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	696 @\$48.57	<u>\$33,804.72</u>
TOTAL		\$63,644.70

Combined Savings

\$75,960.80

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 Red Deer County assigned a rural population of 3,021 to the Town of Bowden