

Town of Castor

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$128,861.77

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$16.68

Based on a population of **883**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Castor was **\$7,726.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$997.79
Rural Library Services Grant	\$5,202.40
Allotment from Paintearth County ¹	<u>\$1,046.38</u>
TOTAL	\$7,246.57

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Castor Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$1,699.98
Software & Licensing	\$3,964.32
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,483.60</u>
TOTAL	\$12,147.90

Resource Sharing Savings to Castor Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	3,656 @\$15.78	\$57,691.68
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,066 @\$48.57	<u>\$51,775.62</u>
TOTAL		\$109,467.30

Combined Savings

\$121,615.20

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

† Paintearth County assigned a rural population of 926 to the Town of Castor