Parkland Regional Library System
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Town of Eckville

2023 Return on Investment

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Based on a population of **1,157,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Eckville was **$10,123.75** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	$1,307.41
Rural Library Services Grant	$5,908.00
Allotment from Lacombe County [1]	$1,244.13
TOTAL	**$8,459.54**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Eckville Municipal Library:

Computers for library use		$0.00
Software & Licensing		$5,363.86
SuperNet connection		$6,704.40
TOTAL		**$12,068.26**

Resource Sharing Savings to Eckville Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	4,050 @$15.78	$63,909.00
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,340 @$48.57	$65,083.80
TOTAL		**$128,992.80**

Combined Savings	**$141,061.06**

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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 1,101 to the Town of Eckville

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