**Parkland Regional Library System**
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# Town of Hardisty

# 2023 Return on Investment

| Your Membership | |
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| **Total Financial Benefits** | **Return on Investment** |
| **$60,556.41** | **$1.00 = $15.18** |

Based on a population of **456,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Hardisty was **$3,990.00** in 2023.

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

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| 2023 materials allotment | $515.28 |
| Rural Library Services Grant | $2,615.20 |
| Allotment from Flagstaff County [1] | $515.28 |
| **TOTAL** | **$3,645.76** |

## Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Hardisty Public Library:

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| Computers for library use | | $0.00 |
| Software & Licensing | | $4,132.52 |
| SuperNet connection | | $6,704.40 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$10,836.92** |

Resource Sharing Savings to Hardisty Public Library:

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| Items borrowed from other libraries | 1,113 @$15.78 | $17,563.14 |
| Digital items borrowed from PRLS | 587 @$48.57 | $28,510.59 |
| **TOTAL** | | **$46,073.73** |

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| **Combined Savings** | **$56,910.65** |

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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] Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 456 to the Town of Hardisty