

Town of Provost

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$141,937.63

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$8.56

Based on a population of **1,896**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Provost was **\$16,590.00** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** to Provost Municipal Library:

2023 materials allotment	\$2,142.48
Allotment from MD of Provost ²	<u>\$491.55</u>
TOTAL	\$2,634.03

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Provost Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$2,549.97
Software & Licensing	\$4,958.44
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,704.40</u>
TOTAL	\$14,212.81

Resource Sharing Savings to Provost Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	4,169 @\$15.78	\$65,786.82
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,221 @\$48.57	<u>\$59,303.97</u>
TOTAL		\$125,090.79

Combined Savings

\$139,303.60

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 MD of Provost assigned a rural population of 435 to the Town of Provost