

## Town of Rimbey

### 2023 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$480,003.53**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$20.60**

Based on a population of **2,663**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Rimbey was **\$23,301.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$3,009.19
Rural Library Services Grant	\$28,313.60
Allotment from S.V. of Parkland Beach <sup>1</sup>	\$175.15
Allotment from Ponoka County <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$5,846.62</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,344.56</b>

#### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Rimbey Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$849.99
Software & Licensing	\$8,162.94
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,254.93</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Rimbey Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	12,273@\$15.78	\$193,667.94
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	4,730@\$48.57	<u>\$229,736.10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$423,404.04</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$442,658.97**

## 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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<sup>1</sup> S.V. of Parkland Beach assigned a rural population of 155 to the Rimbey Municipal Library

<sup>2</sup> Ponoka County assigned its population of 5,174 to Rimbey Municipal Library