Parkland Regional Library System
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Town of Stettler

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership	
Total Financial Benefits	**Return on Investment**
$1,206,470.87	**$1.00 = $23.79**

Based on a population of **5,795,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Stettler was **$50,706.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	$6,548.35
Rural Library Services Grant	$1,153.60
Allotment from Summer Villages [1]	$255.38
Allotment from Stettler County [2]	$5,256.76
TOTAL	**$13,214.09**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Stettler Public Library:

Computers for library use		$2,549.97
Software & Licensing		$12,307.62
SuperNet connection		$10,242.00
TOTAL		**$25,099.59**

Resource Sharing Savings to Stettler Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	44,384@$15.78	$700,379.52
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	9,631@$48.57	$467,777.67
TOTAL		**$1,168,157.19**
Combined Savings		**$1,193,256.78**

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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] Summer Villages assigned a rural population of 226 to the Stettler Public Library

[2] Stettler County assigned its population of 4,652 to Stettler Public Library

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