

Town of Sundre

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$504,201.75

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$22.03

Based on a population of **2,616**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Sundre was **\$22,890.00** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$2,956.08
Rural Library Services Grant	\$18,306.40
Allotment from Mountain View County ¹	<u>\$4,060.09</u>
TOTAL	\$25,322.57

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Sundre Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$2,549.97
Software & Licensing	\$7,183.90
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
TOTAL	\$19,975.87

Resource Sharing Savings to Sundre Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	14,458 @\$15.78	\$228,147.24
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	4,751 @\$48.57	<u>\$230,756.07</u>
TOTAL		\$458,903.31

Combined Savings

\$478,879.18

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 Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 3,593 to the Town of Sundre