

Village of Alliance

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$73,691.47

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$60.59

Based on a population of **139**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Alliance was **\$1,216.25** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$157.07
Rural Library Services Grant	\$2,620.80
Allotment from Flagstaff County ¹	<u>\$516.41</u>
TOTAL	\$3,294.28

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Alliance Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$849.99
Software & Licensing	\$3,964.32
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,483.60</u>
TOTAL	\$11,297.91

Resource Sharing Savings to Alliance Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	2,908 @\$15.78	\$45,888.24
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	272 @\$48.57	<u>\$13,211.04</u>
TOTAL		\$59,099.28

Combined Savings

\$70,397.19

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

† Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 457 to the Village of Alliance