

## Village of Donalda 2023 Return on Investment

### Your Membership

#### Total Financial Benefits

**\$34,409.89**

#### Return on Investment

**\$1.00 = \$17.02**

Based on a population of **231**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Donalda was **\$2,021.25** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** to Donalda Public Library:

2023 materials allotment	\$261.03
Allotment from Stettler County <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$657.66</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$918.69</b>

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Donalda Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$1,699.98
Software & Licensing	\$4,048.42
SuperNet connection	<u>\$6,483.60</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,232.00</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Donalda Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	904 @\$15.78	\$14,265.12
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	144 @\$48.57	<u>\$6,994.08</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$21,259.20</b>

**Combined Savings** **\$33,491.20**

## 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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† Stettler County assigned a rural population of 582 to the Village of Donalda