Parkland Regional Library System
Libraries – Value Beyond Words

Village of Elnora

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership	
Total Financial Benefits	**Return on Investment**
$91,623.80	$1.00 = $36.74

Based on a population of **285,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Elnora was **$2,493.75** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	$322.05
Rural Library Services Grant	$15,321.60
Allotment from Red Deer County [1]	$3,413.73
TOTAL	**$19,057.38**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Elnora Public Library:

Computers for library use		$0.00
Software & Licensing		$4,790.24
SuperNet connection		$6,704.40
TOTAL		**$11,494.64**

Resource Sharing Savings to Elnora Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,414 @$15.78	$22,312.92
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	798 @$48.57	$38,758.86
TOTAL		**$61,071.78**

Combined Savings	**$72,566.42**

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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] Red Deer County assigned a rural population of 3,021 to the Village of Elnora