Village of Forestburg

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits	Return on Investment
$145,593.85	**$1.00 = $18.17**

Based on a population of **916,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Village of Forestburg was **$8,015.00** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	$1,035.08
Rural Library Services Grant	$2,615.20
Allotment from Flagstaff County [1]	$516.41
TOTAL	**$4,166.69**

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Forestburg Public Library:

Computers for library use		$849.99
Software & Licensing		$4,384.82
SuperNet connection		$6,483.60
TOTAL		**$11,718.41**

Resource Sharing Savings to Forestburg Public Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	3,212 @$15.78	$50,685.36
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	1,627 @$48.57	$79,023.39
TOTAL		**$129,708.75**

Combined Savings	**$141,427.16**

Libraries – Value Beyond Words

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] Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 457 to the Village of Forestburg