



Paintearth County 2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$348,399.68

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$19.00

Based on a population of **2,096**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for Paintearth County was **\$18,340.00** in 2023.

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Paintearth County Libraries:

2023 materials allotment	\$2,368.48
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$11,771.20
PRLS Contribution to Brownfield Library	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$14,339.68

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Paintearth County Libraries:

Computers for library use	\$1,699.98
Software & Licensing	\$13,292.50
SuperNet connection	<u>\$19,450.80</u>
TOTAL	\$34,443.28

Resource Sharing Savings to Paintearth County Libraries:

Items borrowed from other libraries	7,708 @\$15.78	\$121,632.24
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	2,864 @\$48.57	<u>\$139,104.48</u>
TOTAL		\$260,736.72

Potential non-resident savings for households in Paintearth County:

648 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$38,880.00
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Combined Savings **\$334,060.00**

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

¹Paintearth County's rural population of 2,102 was distributed to Paintearth County libraries

²Number of county families can save the \$60 non-resident fee

Brownfield, Castor, and Coronation have libraries serving Paintearth County