

Town of Didsbury

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$631,052.40

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$13.81

Based on a population of **5,221**, the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Didsbury was **\$45,683.75** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$5,899.73
Rural Library Services Grant	\$13,176.80
Allotment from Mountain View County 1	<u>\$2,838.56</u>
TOTAL	\$21,915.09

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & Licensing	\$9,982.98
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
TOTAL	\$20,224.98

Resource Sharing Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	18,991 @\$15.78	\$299,677.98
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	5,955 @\$48.57	<u>\$289,234.35</u>
TOTAL		\$588,912.33

Combined Savings

\$609,137.31

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

¹ Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 2,512 to the Town of Didsbury