



2019 Return on Investment for Town of Didsbury

Town of Didsbury membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$43,461.00

(Based on official 2019 population of 5,268 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Didsbury Municipal Library

2019 materials allotment	\$5,952.84
2019 Rural Services Grant	\$12,554.10
2019 allotment from county population ¹	\$2,705.22
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$166.90
	\$21,379.06

Technology Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$6,372.80
SuperNet connection	\$10,776.00
	\$17,148.80

Resource Sharing Savings to Didsbury Municipal Library

21,412 items borrowed from other libraries ²	\$247,736.84
3,328 digital items borrowed from PRL ³	\$149,760.00
	\$397,496.84

Total Savings from Technology & Resource Sharing ⁴

\$414,645.64

Total financial benefits to Didsbury Municipal Library \$436,024.70

Town of Didsbury Return on Investment \$1 = \$10.03

Didsbury Municipal Library averaged a 37% discount on books purchased through PRL
¹ Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 2,394 to Town of Didsbury
² With bulk purchasing, PRL's average purchase price for library books was \$11.57
³ PRL paid an average price of \$45 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks
⁴ Value of items Didsbury Municipal Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

With PRL membership, Town of Didsbury residents gain:

- Access to the 650,000 items in the collective PRL collection
- Free access to 7,000+ eBooks, 9,500 eAudiobooks, 72 eMagazine subscriptions, eComics and shared eBooks from 4 other regional libraries
- Free access to subscription online resources Ancestry (genealogy), Solaro (Alberta curriculum support), Consumer Reports, and Grant Connect; Press Reader international newspaper and magazine collection, Pronunciator language learning software, and Alberta eBooks collection
- Free broadband internet connection (SuperNet) and free wi-fi
- Access to library collections across Alberta and Canada

With PRL membership, Didsbury Municipal Library has access to:

- Province-wide resource sharing, including interlibrary lending and onsite borrowing at libraries across Alberta, to meet patron needs
- SuperNet connection paid for by the Government of Alberta
- The database that manages library borrowers and materials (Integrated Library System)
- The online library catalogue providing public access to library resources and personal account management
- The library's free managed website
- Free delivery of materials weekly or twice weekly
- Free library supplies including library cards
- 37% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Free cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library material
- Access to digital content, including books, audio, magazines, newspapers, comics, and subscription databases
- Shared regional specialty collections including
 - large print books
 - audio books
 - program Kits (storytime, maker activities, coding, gaming, virtual reality)
 - technology equipment & promotional items
- Access to national library collections for the blind and print-disabled
- Free computer, network, and website support
- Free professional library expertise (consulting service) and access to regional knowledge sharing
- Free training for library staff and trustees