

Parkland County Library Board 2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$439,237.67

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$3.00

Membership levy

On behalf of Parkland County Library Board in 2021 (Duffield Public Library, Entwistle Public Library, Keephills Public Library, Tomahawk Public Library and Wabamun Public Library)	\$146,194.34
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Direct financial return

2021 Materials allotment from YRL (if applicable)	\$511.50
YRL allotment from County population	\$4,603.82
Total funds	\$5,115.32

Benefits of YRL services

Total savings	\$439,237.67
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Technology cost avoidance	\$49,595.62
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Website	\$650.48
Software and licensing	\$5,250.06
SuperNet and hardware	\$43,695.08

Resource sharing cost avoidance	\$389,642.05
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Items borrowed from other libraries: 13,565	\$156,947.05
Digital items borrowed through YRL: 5,171	\$232,695.00

Training and workshops

Participation (in hours)	13.5
<i>May not reflect all training provided, such as informal sessions</i>	

With YRL membership, **county residents** gain:

- Access to more than three million items in the TRAC¹ collection.
- Free province-wide resource sharing of physical collections, including interlibrary lending and onsite borrowing.
- Free access to digital content, including more than 600,000 eBooks, 110,000 eAudiobooks, 21,000 eComics, 4,000 eMagazine subscriptions, 13,000 movies and 300,000 music albums, as well as additional shared eBooks with Parkland Regional Library System in Lacombe.
- Free access to 30 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.
 - LinkedIn Learning, a preeminent source for video courses in business, computer technology, software and creative skills.
 - PressReader, offering access to local and international newspapers and magazines.
 - Solaro, a study and exam prep resource based on the Alberta curriculum for grades 3-12.
- Access to library collections across Canada.

And **Parkland County Library Board service locations** have access to:

- Free broadband Internet connection via SuperNet paid for by the Government of Alberta and WiFi.
- The library software that manages circulation, borrowers and materials.
- The online catalogue—and TRACpac mobile app—that provides public access to library resources and personal account management.
- Self-checkout and curbside pickup services via the TRACpac app.
- Physical library cards at no cost.
- Free delivery and pick up of materials at least once every week.
- A bulk discount of 37% on library books purchased through YRL.
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated materials.
- Digital content, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, magazines, movies, music, newspapers, and subscription databases.
- Shared regional specialty kit collections, including Indigenous, Makerspace, Read Alberta, Storytime, StoryWalk, xBox, and six World Languages.
- Access to a national library collection for the blind and print-disabled.
- Hosted and managed website with technical support.
- Computer and network support and services, including a password manager license for library managers.
- Professional library expertise and access to regional knowledge sharing.
- Training for library staff and board members.

¹ Originally formed in 2001, The **R**egional Libraries Computer **A**utomation Systems **C**onsortium Society (TRAC) is comprised of Marigold Library System in Strathmore, Northern Lights Library System in Elk Point, Peace Library System in Grande Prairie, and YRL in Spruce Grove.