

Parkland County Library Board 2024 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$534,350.96

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$3.33

Membership Levy

On behalf of Duffield, Entwistle, Keephills, Tomahawk and
Wabamun Public Libraries in 2024

\$160,485.25

Direct Financial Return

2024 Materials allotment **distributed to above listed libraries*

\$5,467.70

Total Funds

\$5,467.70

Benefits of YRL Services

Technology

Website

\$353.00

Software and licensing

\$7,376.62

SuperNet and hardware

\$43,689.23

Cost avoidance

\$51,418.85

Resource Sharing

Items borrowed from other libraries: **6,874**

\$99,673.00

Digital items borrowed through YRL: **6,083**

\$304,150.00

Cost avoidance

\$403,823.00

Library Operations Software, Kits and Materials

Cost avoidance

\$69,199.92

Training

Free YRL training/workshop participation hours

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Note: May not reflect all training provided, such as informal sessions.

Cost avoidance

\$4,441.50

Total Financial Savings

\$528,883.26

With YRL membership, residents gain:

- Access to more than three million items in the TRAC³ collection.
- Free Canada-wide resource sharing of physical material collections including interlibrary lending and onsite borrowing.
- Free digital content access (eAudiobooks, eBooks, eComics and eManga, eMagazines, movies, music, and television shows) through 25 online resources, including:
 - [Accessible Alberta](#), [Centre for Equitable Library Access](#) and [National Network for Equitable Library Service](#): provincial and national collections for those with print disabilities.
 - [Beanstack](#): creation support for a community of readers in the YRL region.
 - [CISCO Networking Academy](#) and [LinkedIn Learning](#): business and computer technology video tutorials to help develop the skills to participate in the modern workforce.
 - [ComicsPlus](#): Unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels and manga for all ages.
 - [Solaro](#): Alberta curriculum support for students in grades K-12.
 - [The Athletic](#): A digital sports news platform that is the go-to resource for fans looking for comprehensive sports journalism beyond traditional outlets.
- Supplementary shared eBooks with Parkland Regional Library System in Lacombe.

And your libraries have access to:

- Free broadband Internet connection via SuperNet (paid for by the Government of Alberta) and WiFi.
- IT support and services including password managers for library leadership teams, cybersecurity awareness training, and Microsoft 365.
- The library software that manages borrowers, circulation, and materials.
- An online catalogue and mobile app for the public to access library resources, manage their personal account and self-checkout items on the app.
- A bulk discount of 37% on library books purchased through YRL.
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated materials.
- Free delivery and pick up of materials at least once every week.
- Physical library cards at no cost.
- Professional library expertise and access to regional knowledge sharing.
- Training and materials for onboarding, skill building and professional development of library staff and board members.
- An onsite Learning Lab including space and tools for group and individual facilitation and meetings – free for all YRL member libraries to reserve.

¹Tools and resources that support library operations and governance, including subscriptions to Environics, LibraryAware and community profiles with data to support budget, plan of service, programming, collection development, and more. 129 shared specialty kit collections including makerspace, themed-storytime, storywalk, world languages, and the UK's Happiness Programme. A comprehensive YRL Professional Development collection, available through TRACpac, with current resources on leadership, management, library operations and governance.

²May include participation in Crucial Conversations training, Homelessness Academy for Librarians, Issues Management: Speaking to the Media, Mental Health in the Workplace Training and YRL Library Leaders Retreat: Setting the Vision for the Year Ahead.

³Originally formed in 2001, The **R**egional Libraries Computer **A**utomation Systems **C**onsortium (TRAC) Society 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.