



2019 Return on Investment for Town of Bentley

Town of Bentley membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$8,893.50

(Based on official 2019 population of 1,078 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Bentley Municipal Library

2019 materials allotment	\$1,218.14
2019 Rural Service Grant	\$10,528.35
2019 allotment from county population ¹	\$2,349.27
2019 allotment from SV of Gull Lake ²	\$677.10
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$70.06
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	\$14,842.92

Technology Savings to Bentley Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$3,163.70
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
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	\$9,205.70

Resource Sharing Savings to Bentley Municipal Library

6123 items borrowed from other libraries ³	\$70,843.11
796 digital items borrowed from PRL ⁴	\$35,820.00
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	\$106,663.11

Total financial benefits to Bentley Municipal Library \$130,711.73

Town of Bentley Return on Investment \$1 = \$14.70

Bentley Municipal Library averaged a 37% discount on books purchased through PRL

¹ Lacombe County assigned a rural population of 2079 to the Town of Bentley

² The Summer Village of Gull Lake assigned its population of 122 to Bentley Municipal Library

³ With bulk purchasing, PRL's average purchase price for library books was \$11.57

⁴ PRL paid an average price of \$45 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks

Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

With PRL membership, Town of Bentley 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, Bentley 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