



## 2019 Return on Investment for Town of Blackfalds

**Town of Blackfalds membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$83,531.25**

(Based on official 2019 population of 10,125 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

### Direct financial return to Blackfalds Public Library

2019 materials allotment	\$11,441.25
2019 Rural Service Grant	\$7,858.80
2019 allotment from county population <sup>1</sup>	\$1,604.60
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$155.37
	<b>\$21,060.02</b>

### Technology Savings to Blackfalds Public Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$4,667.81
SuperNet connection	\$10,776.00
	<b>\$15,443.81</b>

### Resource Sharing Savings to Blackfalds Public Library

7,822 items borrowed from other libraries <sup>2</sup>	\$90,500.54
2,126 digital items borrowed from PRL <sup>3</sup>	\$95,670.00
	<b>\$186,170.54</b>

### Total Savings from Technology & Resource Sharing <sup>4</sup>

**\$201,614.35**

**Total financial benefits to Blackfalds Public Library \$222,674.37**

**Town of Blackfalds Return on Investment \$1= \$2.67**

Blackfalds Public Library averaged a 37% discount on books purchased through PRL

<sup>1</sup> The County of Lacombe assigned a rural population of 1,420 to Town of Blackfalds

<sup>2</sup> With bulk purchasing, PRL's average purchase price for library books was \$11.57

<sup>3</sup> PRL paid an average price of \$45 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks

<sup>4</sup> Value of items Blackfalds Public Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

*Strong Libraries, Strong Communities*

## With PRL membership, Town of Blackfalds 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, Blackfalds Public 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