

## 2019 Return on Investment for Town of Bowden

**Town of Bowden membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$10,230.00**

(Based on official 2019 population of 1,240 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

### Direct financial return to Bowden Public Library

2019 materials allotment	\$1,401.20
2019 Rural Service Grant	\$14,357.85
2019 allotment from county population <sup>1</sup>	\$3,114.28
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$101.22
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	<b>\$18,974.55</b>

### Technology Savings to Bowden Public Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$1,537.10
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
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	<b>\$7,579.10</b>

### Resource Sharing Savings to Bowden Public Library

2,119 items borrowed from other libraries <sup>2</sup>	\$24,516.83
493 digital items borrowed from PRL <sup>3</sup>	\$22,185.00
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	<b>\$46,701.83</b>

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

**\$54,280.93**

**Total financial benefits to Bowden Public Library \$73,255.48**

**Town of Bowden Return on Investment \$1 = \$7.16**

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

<sup>1</sup> Red Deer County assigned a rural population of 2,756 to Town of Bowden

<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 Bowden Public Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

## With PRL membership, Town of Bowden 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, Bowden 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