

2019 Return on Investment for Village of Caroline

Village of Caroline membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$4,224.00

(Based on official 2019 population of 512 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Caroline Municipal Library

2019 materials allotment	\$578.56
2019 Rural Service Grant	\$20,440.65
2019 allotment from county population ¹	\$4,049.92
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$66.35
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	\$25,135.48

Technology Savings to Caroline Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$907.50
Software & licensing	\$2,663.96
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
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	\$9,613.46

Resource Sharing Savings to Caroline Municipal Library

7,949 items borrowed from other libraries ²	\$91,969.93
688 digital items borrowed from PRL ³	\$30,960.00
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	\$122,929.93

Total Savings from Technology & Resource Sharing ⁴

\$132,543.39

Total financial benefits to Caroline Municipal Library = \$157,678.87

Village of Caroline Return on Investment \$1 = \$37.33

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

¹ Clearwater County assigned a rural population of 3,584 to Village of Caroline

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

³ PRL paid an average price of \$45 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks

⁴ Value of items Caroline Municipal Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

With PRL membership, Village of Caroline 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, Caroline 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