



2019 Return on Investment for Town of Carstairs

Town of Carstairs membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$33,635.25

(Based on official 2019 population of 4,077 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Carstairs Public Library

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| 2019 materials allotment | \$4,607.01 |
| 2019 Rural Services Grant | \$8,985.45 |
| 2019 allotment from county population ¹ | \$1,930.04 |
| Postage reimbursement for resource sharing | \$95.86 |
| | \$15,618.36 |

Technology Savings to Carstairs Public Library

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| Computers for library use | \$0.00 |
| Software & licensing | \$5,432.12 |
| SuperNet connection | \$10,776.00 |
| | \$16,208.12 |

Resource Sharing Savings to Carstairs Public Library

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| 12,379 items borrowed from other libraries ² | \$143,225.03 |
| 2,950 digital items borrowed from PRL ³ | \$132,750.00 |
| | \$275,975.03 |

Total Savings from Technology & Resource Sharing ⁴

\$292,183.15

Total financial benefits to Carstairs Public Library \$307,801.51

Town of Carstairs Return on Investment \$1 = \$9.15

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

¹ Mountain View County assigned a rural population of 1,708 to Town of Carstairs

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 Carstairs Public Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

With PRL membership, Town of Carstairs 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, Carstairs 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