



# 2019 Return on Investment for Town of Castor

**Town of Castor membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$7,664.25**

(Based on official 2019 population of 929 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

## Direct financial return to Castor Municipal Library

2019 materials allotment	\$1,049.77
2019 Rural Services Grant	\$4,423.35
2019 allotment from county population <sup>1</sup>	\$932.25
	<b>\$6,405.37</b>

## Technology Savings to Castor Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$907.50
Software & licensing	\$1,380.32
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
	<b>\$8,329.82</b>

## Resource Sharing Savings to Castor Municipal Library

2,185 items borrowed from other libraries <sup>2</sup>	\$25,280.45
183 digital items borrowed from PRL <sup>3</sup>	\$8,235.00
	<b>\$33,515.45</b>

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

**\$41,845.27**

**Total financial benefits to Castor Municipal Library \$48,250.64**

**Town of Castor Return on Investment \$1 = \$6.30**

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

<sup>1</sup> Paintearth County assigned a rural population of 825 to Town of Castor

<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 Castor Municipal Library did not have to purchase to meet patron needs

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## With PRL membership, Town of Castor 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, Castor 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 free 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.

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