



2019 Return on Investment for Village of Forestburg

Village of Forestburg membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$7,218.75

(Based on official 2019 population of 875 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Forestburg Public Library

2019 materials allotment	\$988.75
2019 Rural Services Grant	\$2,491.95
2019 allotment from county population ¹	\$527.71
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$54.76
	\$4,063.17

Technology Savings to Forestburg Public Library

Computers for library use	\$0.00
Software & licensing	\$2,022.14
SuperNet connection	\$6,042.00
	\$8,064.14

Resource Sharing Savings to Forestburg Public Library

2,565 items borrowed from other libraries ²	\$29,677.05
343 digital items borrowed from PRL ³	\$15,435.00
	\$45,112.05

Total Savings from Technology & Resource Sharing ⁴

\$53,176.19

Total financial benefits to Forestburg Public Library \$57,239.36

Village of Forestburg Return on Investment \$1 = \$7.93

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

¹ Flagstaff County assigned a rural population of 467 to Village of Forestburg

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

Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

With PRL membership, Village of Forestburg 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, Forestburg 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