



# Town of Sylvan Lake

2025 Return on Investment

## Benefits to your Library

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$2,284,143.72**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$14.56**

Based on a population of **15,995**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Sylvan Lake was **\$156,910.95** in 2025.

### Cost benefits of PRLS services

The **direct financial return** as a result of membership to Parkland Regional Library System to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

2025 materials allotment	\$ 18,074.35
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 19,387.20
Allotment from Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake 1	\$ 1,046.38
Allotment from Red Deer County 2	\$ 3,217.11
Computers for library use	\$ 8,682.78
Software & Licensing	\$ 10,002.17
SuperNet Connection	\$ 10,242.00
Items borrowed from other libraries 3	\$ 1,494,048.00
Digital items borrowed from PRLS 4	\$ 719,443.73
<b>Combined Savings</b>	<b>\$2,284,143.72</b>

1 Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake assigned a rural population of 926 to the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

2 Red Deer County assigned its population of 2,847 to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

3 Average price of a physical item \$48.00

4 Average price of an eBook \$45.82, average price of an eAudiobook \$86.37

# 2025 Quick Facts



**613,251** items  
in the collection



**1,159,357** physical items  
circulated



**50,302** items added  
to the catalog



**34,679**  
cardholders



**921,533** items  
sent on van runs



**1,741** consulting  
sessions



**142** attendees at  
the 2025 PRLS  
Conference



**199,695** digital items  
circulated



**64,569** eLibrary  
sessions



**1,510,864** Wifi  
usages

## Other Parkland Facts:

- Provides access to virtual materials across the province through TRAC.
- Provides training for libraries, boards, friends' groups and more.
- Provides centralized IT support on hardware, software, internet, SuperNet.
- Provides access to shared regional collections of books, tech, program kits, and much more.