

Summer Village of Birchcliff 2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$29,494.47

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$29.48

Based on a population of **117**, the membership levy for the Summer Village of Birchcliff was **\$1,000.35** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 132.21
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	\$ 621.60
TOTAL	\$ 753.81

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 2,107.84
Software & Licensing	\$ 11,272.82
SuperNet connection	\$ 10,200.00
TOTAL	\$23,580.66

Potential non-resident savings for households in the S.V. of Birchcliff:

86 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$5,160.00
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Combined Savings

\$28,740.66

Additional System Membership Benefits:

- 680,000 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Access to 16 subscription online resources, including:
 - *Ancestry Library Edition*, a popular genealogical research resource.
 - *Consumer Reports* for thorough consumer product information.
 - *Grant Connect*, linking Canadian charities with funding programs.
 - *PressReader*, offering access to newspapers and magazines.
 - *Solaro*, an Albertan study and exam prep resource for grades 3-12.
- Broadband internet connection (SuperNet) and Wi-Fi
- SuperNet connection paid for by the Government of Alberta
- Centrally managed computers, network, and website
- Hosted and managed website with 24/7 technical support
- Shared library database to manage borrowers and materials (Integrated Library System) with public access for patrons to manage their own account
- 38% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library materials
- Library supplies (library cards, barcodes, etc.) included
- Shared regional specialty collections including:
 - Large print books
 - Audio books
 - Program kits (book-based, tech-based, gaming, virtual reality)
 - Technical equipment & promotional items
- Access to library collections across Alberta (in-person and through interlibrary lending) and throughout Canada through ME Libraries and the TAL program
- Alternate format collections for visually impaired and print disabled
- Weekly or bi-weekly delivery of library materials
- Professional library expertise (consulting services) and shared regional knowledge
- Training for library staff and trustees

¹ The S.V. of Birchcliff assigned their population of 112 to the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

² Number of county families eligible to save the \$60 non-resident fee