

## Town of Sylvan Lake

### 2021 Return on Investment

#### Your Membership

**Total Financial Benefits**

**\$680,883.01**

**Return on Investment**

**\$1.00 = \$5.38**

Based on a population of **14,816**, the membership levy for the Town of Sylvan Lake was **\$126,676.80** in 2021.

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

2021 materials allotment	\$ 16,742.08
Rural Library Services Grant	\$ 17,987.55
Allotment from Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake <sup>1</sup>	\$ 820.38
Allotment from Red Deer County <sup>2</sup>	<u>\$ 3,114.28</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,664.29</b>

#### 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	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,580.66</b>

Resource Sharing Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	26,068@\$15.82	\$ 412,395.76
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	5,918@\$34.85	<u>\$ 206,242.30</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$618,638.06</b>

**Combined Savings**

**\$642,218.72**

## 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

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<sup>1</sup> Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake assigned a rural population of 726 to the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

<sup>2</sup> Red Deer County assigned its population of 2,756 to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library