

Village of Big Valley 2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$32,260.44

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$10.81

Based on a population of **349**, the membership levy for the Village of Big Valley was **\$2,983.95** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Big Valley Municipal Library:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 394.37
Allotment from Stettler County ¹	<u>\$ 628.28</u>
TOTAL	\$1,022.65

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 0.00
Software & Licensing	\$ 1,723.04
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 6,441.60</u>
TOTAL	\$8,164.64

Resource Sharing Savings to Big Valley Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,095 @\$15.82	\$ 17,322.90
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	165 @\$34.85	<u>\$ 5,750.25</u>
TOTAL		\$23,073.15

Combined Savings

\$31,237.79

Stettler and Stettler County have an intermunicipal library board which receives its operating grant directly from the province. They do not receive their Rural Library Services Grant through Parkland.

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 Stettler County assigned a rural population of 556 to the Village of Big Valley