

Village of Bittern Lake

2021 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$36,236.65

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$19.26

Based on a population of **220**, the membership levy for the Village of Bittern Lake was **\$1,881.00** in 2021.

The **direct financial return** to Camrose Public Library:

2021 materials allotment	\$ 248.60
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	<u>\$ 1,243.20</u>
TOTAL	\$1,491.80

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Camrose Public Library:

Computers for library use	\$ 3,588.24
Software & Licensing	\$ 15,976.61
SuperNet connection	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$29,764.85

Potential non-resident savings for households in Village of Bittern Lake:

83 Households ² (from the 2021 Federal Census)	\$4,980.00
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Combined Savings

\$34,744.85

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 Village of Bittern Lake assigned their population of 224 to the Camrose Public Library

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