

S.V. of Birchcliff

2023 Return on Investment

Your Membership

Total Financial Benefits

\$32,391.23

Return on Investment

\$1.00 = \$24.20

Based on a population of **153**, the cost of membership to the Parkland Regional Library System for the S.V. of Birchcliff was **\$1,338.75** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	\$172.89
Rural Library Services Grant ¹	<u>\$655.20</u>
TOTAL	\$828.09

Cost benefits of PRLS services

Technology Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

Computers for library use	\$5,099.94
Software & Licensing	\$11,061.20
SuperNet connection	<u>\$10,242.00</u>
TOTAL	\$26,403.14

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

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

\$31,563.14

System Membership Benefits:

- 623,386 items in the system collection
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines, plus shared eBooks from 4 other regional systems
- Access to 14 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.
 - *Overdrive and Libby*, eBooks and eAudiobooks available on desktop or via app.
- Hosted and managed website with 24/7 technical support
- 41% 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
 - Audiobooks
 - Program kits (book-based, tech-based, gaming, virtual reality)
 - Gaming equipment & promotional items
 - Cooperative Collection
- 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
- Postal reimbursement
- Professional library expertise (consulting services) and shared regional knowledge
- Specialized training for library staff and trustees

¹ S.V. of Birchcliff assigned a rural population of 117 to the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

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