Town of Sylvan Lake

2023 Return on Investment

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<tr><td colspan="2">Your Membership</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total Financial Benefits</td><td>Return on Investment</td></tr>
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Based on a population of **16,354,** the cost of membership to Parkland Regional Library System for the Town of Sylvan Lake was **$143,097.50** in 2023.

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

2023 materials allotment	$18,480.02
Rural Library Services Grant	$19,387.20
Allotment from Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake [1]	$882.53
Allotment from Red Deer County [2]	$3,413.73
TOTAL	**$42,163.48**

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	$10,242.00
TOTAL	**$26,403.14**

Resource Sharing Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library:

Items borrowed from other libraries	27,117@$15.78	$427,906.26
Digital items borrowed from PRLS	10,648@$48.57	$517,173.36
TOTAL		**$945,079.62**

Combined Savings	**$971,482.76**

Libraries – Value Beyond Words

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

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[1] Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake assigned a rural population of 781 to the Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

[2] Red Deer County assigned its population of 3,021 to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library