



2019 Return on Investment for Town of Sylvan Lake

Town of Sylvan Lake membership levy to Parkland Regional Library = \$122,232.00

(Based on official 2019 population of 14,816 x \$8.25 requisition amount)

Direct financial return to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

2019 materials allotment	\$16,742.08
2019 Rural Services Grant	\$14,357.85
2019 allotment from county population ¹	\$3,934.66
2019 allotment from county population ²	\$3,629.70
Postage reimbursement for resource sharing	\$101.48
	\$38,765.77

Technology Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

Computers for library use	\$1,815.00
Software & licensing	\$6,216.02
SuperNet connection	\$10,776.00
	\$18,807.02

Resource Sharing Savings to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

18,638 items borrowed from other libraries ³	\$215,641.66
5,202 digital items borrowed from PRL ⁴	\$234,090.00
	\$449,731.66

Total financial benefits to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library \$507,304.45

Town of Sylvan Lake Return on Investment \$1 = \$4.15

Sylvan Lake Municipal Library averaged a 37% discount on books purchased through PRL

¹ Red Deer County assigned a rural population of 3,482 to Town of Sylvan Lake

² The Summer Villages of Sylvan Lake assigned their population of 654 to Sylvan Lake Municipal Library

³ With bulk purchasing, PRL's average purchase price for library books was \$11.57

⁴ PRL paid an average price of \$45 each for eBooks and eAudiobooks

Strong Libraries, Strong Communities

With PRL membership, Town of Sylvan Lake residents gain:

- Access to the 650,000 items in the collective PRL collection
- Free access to 7,000+ eBooks, 9,500 eAudiobooks, 72 eMagazine subscriptions, eComics and shared eBooks from 4 other regional libraries
- Free access to subscription online resources Ancestry (genealogy), Solaro (Alberta curriculum support), Consumer Reports, and Grant Connect; Press Reader international newspaper and magazine collection, Pronunciator language learning software, and Alberta eBooks collection
- Free broadband internet connection (SuperNet) and free wi-fi
- Access to library collections across Alberta and Canada

With PRL membership, Sylvan Lake Municipal Library has access to:

- Province-wide resource sharing, including interlibrary lending and onsite borrowing at libraries across Alberta, to meet patron needs
- SuperNet connection paid for by the Government of Alberta
- The database that manages library borrowers and materials (Integrated Library System)
- The online library catalogue providing public access to library resources and personal account management
- The library's free managed website
- Free delivery of materials weekly or twice weekly
- Free library supplies including library cards
- 37% bulk discount on library books purchased through Parkland
- Free cataloguing and shelf-ready processing of purchased and donated library material
- Access to digital content, including books, audio, magazines, newspapers, comics, and subscription databases
- Shared regional specialty collections including
 - large print books
 - audio books
 - program Kits (storytime, maker activities, coding, gaming, virtual reality)
 - technology equipment & promotional items
- Access to national library collections for the blind and print-disabled
- Free computer, network, and website support
- Free professional library expertise (consulting service) and access to regional knowledge sharing
- Free training for library staff and trustees