

Resolution 2012-5

WHEREAS in 2003 the Canadian Library Association recommended, through joint funding by federal, provincial and territorial governments, the establishment of a public and private sector partnership to ensure that Canada provide for Canadians unable to read print, a library service which is equitable and comparable to the services available to all Canadians through public funding; and

WHEREAS since 2005 the Canadian Library Association has supported the need for a national network as described by a CLA Working Group in *Opening the Book: a Strategy for a National Network for Equitable Library Service for Canadians with Print Disabilities (NNELS)*; and

WHEREAS CLA created and supported a Working Group for the *Initiative for Equitable Library Access (IELA)*, launched in 2007 to create the conditions for sustainable and equitable library access by building nationwide partnerships and supporting activities and services to successfully meet the long-term library and information access needs of Canadians with print disabilities; and

WHEREAS the approach taken in *Reading Re-imagined: a National Digital HUB to Support Service Delivery to Canadians with Print Disabilities – Conceptual Model and Business Plan* (March 2012) is consistent with previous models and plans;

BE IT RESOLVED that CLA continue to support the development of a National Network for Equitable Library Service for Canadians with print disabilities (NNELS) by:

1. being a public voice on behalf of equitable access to library services for Canadians with print disabilities and by making support for equitable library access a priority issue in CLA's advocacy efforts with governments; and
2. supporting the library system in taking the primary responsibility for a national network, with support from a variety of public and private sector partners; and
3. facilitating the gathering of feedback from the library community on the development of a national network; and
4. working with all stakeholders to create options for appropriate governance models for a national network.

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