

May 31, 2013

Mr. Paul Ainslie
Councillor
Chair, Toronto Public Library
789 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Ainslie,

On behalf of CNIB, our clients, volunteers and board of directors, I would like to thank you for your letter of support regarding the provision of accessible library services for Ontarians with print disabilities, for which financial support has now been included in the Ontario Government 2013 budget.

The proposed 3.2 million dollar investment will help ensure that people with print disabilities have equitable access to information through a robust and growing collection of literature in audio, braille and digital formats, offered through their local public libraries.

At CNIB, we see firsthand the importance of access to information when it comes to leveling the playing field and enabling people who are blind or partially sighted to fully participate in life. We are encouraged by the Ontario Government's support; it is a positive step towards a national accessible public library service, and CNIB will continue to work with public library sector leadership to make this vision a reality in the near future.

Once again, thank you for your personal commitment and leadership in enhancing accessibility for Ontarians with print disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret McGrory". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Margaret McGrory
VP, Executive Director CNIB Library
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