

Ontario Government funding provides access to CNIB Library services for people with print disabilities through Ontario Public Libraries

As you may know, the CNIB has received funding from the Government of Ontario to support the delivery of our library services to CNIB clients in Ontario. As part of our commitment to the provincial government, we are delighted to offer those services to all persons with print disabilities through Ontario public libraries that enroll in the Partners Program.

The Partners Program is a networked library service that brings accessible library resources to individuals with print disabilities in their own communities. Participation in the Partners Program enables a public library to deepen existing services for library users with print disabilities, at no cost to the library. The Partners Program offers free access to:

- Books of all kinds for all ages in English DAISY, French DAISY, Braille, and PrintBraille
- Newspapers and magazines online
- Descriptive videos in VHS and DVD
- Braille music scores and audio music instruction CDs
- The CNIB Digital Library, Children's Discovery Portal and 60 Plus Portal

Presently, we are working with SOLS and OLS-N to schedule training and orientation for public librarians beginning in October, 2010. We would value your library's participation in the Partners Program, and would like to send you additional information about how your library may partner with CNIB in offering accessible library services to Ontarians with print disabilities.

If you have not already done so, please indicate your interest in the Partners Program by designating a staff member to be our liaison and sending contact information to PartnersProgram@cnib.ca.

Feel free to contact Partners Program staff if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



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