

Ministry of Tourism and Culture

Ministère du Tourisme et de la Culture

Minister

Ministre

9th Floor, Hearst Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2E1
Tel: (416) 326-9326
Fax: (416) 326-9338

9^e étage, Édifice Hearst
900, rue Bay
Toronto, ON M7A 2E1
Tél.: (416) 326-9326
Télééc.: (416) 326-9338



April 15, 2010

Ms. Susanna Hubbard Krimmer
Chief Executive Officer
London Public Library Board
251 Dundas Street
London, ON
N6N 6H9

Dear Ms. Hubbard Krimmer:

The Ontario government recognizes how important it is for published materials to be available in alternate formats for Ontarians with print disabilities.

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture has provided a one time investment of over \$3.5 million to the Canadian National Institute of the Blind (CNIB) Library. Included in the 2009 Ontario Budget, this significant provincial investment will support free and open access to information in alternate formats available from the CNIB Library through local public libraries and First Nations public libraries.

Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to develop mandatory, province-wide accessibility standards under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* that will lead to a fully accessible province by 2025. Our government is committed to improving the lives of Ontarians by breaking barriers to accessibility across the province. It makes good sense; both economically and socially.

The CNIB library will be contacting you shortly with information on how to take part in the CNIB Library Partners Program. If you have any questions about the program please contact:

CNIB Library Partners Program
1929 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4G 3E8

Phone: 416-486-2500 ext. 7055
Fax: 416-480-7700
Email: PartnersProgram@cnib.ca

I encourage your library to participate in this important provincially funded project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Chan', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Michael Chan
Minister

c: Deborah Matthews, MPP
London North Centre