



MEDIA ADVISORY

CNIB Calls on BC and Federal Governments to help fund accessible library services

The right to read is a given for most Canadians. But Canadians who are blind or partially sighted don't have equal access. For 90 years, Canada has counted on a charity, CNIB, to provide library services for people with vision loss. But a charity can't, and shouldn't, do it alone. CNIB is calling on the federal and provincial governments to share the cost of providing library services for citizens who are blind – the kind of service other Canadians take for granted. That service should not be limited by disability or where you live. At this point, two provincial governments have made a commitment, securing library service for citizens. Now it's time for the Federal and BC governments to do the same.

What: News Conference calling on BC/Federal governments to partner with CNIB to fund a national library providing alternative format materials.

When: Tuesday, January 19, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Where: Morris J Wosk Boardroom, 7th Floor
Central Branch, Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 6B1

Who: John Mulka, Executive Director, CNIB BC/Yukon
Betty Nobel, CNIB Library client and college instructor for visually impaired students

One-on-one interviews and demonstrations of the CNIB Digital Library and alternative format reading material.

About CNIB

CNIB provides community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure Canadians who are blind or partially sighted have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life. www.cnib.ca

For more information

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Note to broadcast media: B-roll of CNIB Library available, along with tours of National Library facilities in Toronto, including recording, preparation and distribution of alternative formats, for National/Ontario media.