Initiative for Equitable Library Access

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the Initiative for Equitable Library Access (IELA).

The mandate of IELA is to develop and cost a strategy for implementing nationwide partnerships, activities and services to meet the long-term library and information access needs of Canadians with print disabilities.

Print disabilities are impairments that prevent people from reading standard print due to a visual, perceptual or physical disability. Such a disability may be the result of vision impairment, a learning disability, or a disability that prevents the physical holding of a book.

People with print disabilities require materials in multiple formats and use assistive technologies.

A description of IELA's key activities can be found on LAC's website for the Council on Access to Information for Print-Disabled Canadians at the following address: