

## **Canadian Library Association / Association canadienne des bibliothèques Position Statement on Financial Support to Writers**

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CLA recognizes the cultural importance of Canadian writers.

CLA urges the federal government to maintain, and where feasible, to enhance financial support for writers who contribute to the Canadian cultural heritage.

CLA endorses the use of library data in support of appropriate programs which financially benefit Canadian writers.

CLA will cooperate with the federal government in the development and implementation of appropriate support programs for Canadian writers.

### **Interpretation of the CLA Position:**

- In endorsing the use of library data in compensation programs, CLA is not recognizing any legal entitlement for library use; i.e. public lending right.
- Canada's libraries are a key contributor to the successes of Canadian writing and publishing. The Canadian Library Association asserts that library purchase and lending of books is, on balance, of financial benefit to authors.