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1. The Board adopts the Canadian Library Association's ***Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom***, approved by the CLA Executive Council – June 27, 1974 ; Amended November 17, 1983 and November 18, 1985.
2. It is the responsibility of the board, and those who work in the Library to :
    a. Ensure that all Library users have the fundamental right to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity, and to express their thoughts publically.
    b. Guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity, including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable.
    c. Make available all of the Library's public facilities and services to all individuals and groups who need them.
    d. Resist all efforts to limit the exercise of these responsibilities, while recognizing the right of criticism by individuals and groups.
3. The Board directs the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the principles of intellectual freedom are integrated into all organized policies, procedures, and practices.