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### **CARL Commends Government on Copyright Bill**

OTTAWA, June 7, 2010 - The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) welcomes the federal government's efforts to achieve fair and balanced copyright reform as embodied in its Copyright Modernization bill (Bill C-32). A number of the changes proposed for the Copyright Act will be very helpful for the provision of library services and the preservation of library collections through digital means.

"CARL very much appreciates the good-faith effort of the government to respond to the copyright reform concerns expressed by the library and education community," says Ernie Ingles, President of CARL. "We especially applaud the government for including education among the explicit fair dealing purposes in the Copyright Act, a bold and appropriate inclusion. Canada's research libraries support researchers and contribute to the education of students, and the provisions of the new bill allow us to do both in the digital realm with greater legal certainty."

CARL is pleased to see provisions in the new bill for migrating library materials that are becoming obsolete into a new format; for providing digital copies to an inter-library loan requester; and for making study copies of archival materials. CARL is also pleased to see provisions for the use of copyright material in online learning, and alternate formats to persons with perceptual disabilities. Insofar as research libraries or their parent institutions may be Internet service providers, CARL commends the government for opting for a notice-and-notice regime for dealing with alleged copyright infringement through the service.

"The government has clearly listened to what the library and education community said during the summer 2009 copyright consultation," states Ernie Ingles. "This bill responds admirably to many of the concerns that we had with the 2008 bill."

CARL will consider the potential impact on libraries of the provisions in the bill that give legal protection to technological protection measures.

CARL will be studying the whole bill in detail in the days to come and will be pleased to work with the government as the bill goes through the committee process during the summer or fall.

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