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Over 17,000 Canadian authors share \$9.9 million in public lending right payments

Ottawa, February 24th, 2010 – The Public Lending Right Commission announced today that it issued \$9.9 million in public lending right (PLR) payments to 17,058 Canadian authors. These payments are issued to authors, translators and illustrators every February for the presence of their books in Canadian libraries during the previous year.

PLR payments are based on the presence of an eligible book in a representative group of Canadian public libraries. This year, the average payment per author was \$583, and the maximum payment was \$3,486. The distribution of payments by province is as follows:

Quebec	\$3,980,257.00
Ontario	\$2,978,061.35
British Columbia	\$1,281,891.00
Alberta	\$448,260.50
Outside of Canada	\$311,937.82
Nova Scotia	\$262,599.50
Manitoba	\$179,504.30
New Brunswick	\$168,894.80
Saskatchewan	\$167,631.00
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$109,701.50
Prince Edward Island	\$35,274.25
Yukon Territory	\$8,719.19
Northwest Territories	\$5,163.26
Nunavut Territory	\$1,542.16
Total	\$9,939,089.98

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Canada is one of 29 countries that have an active public lending right payment program. These programs are generally established to recognize the right of authors to be compensated for the use of their works in public libraries, and are based on the understanding that PLR funds paid to authors are an investment in advancing that country's literary expression.

The PLR Commission operates under the administrative aegis of the Canada Council for the Arts. Funding for the PLR program comes from the federal government through the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canada Council for the Arts.

Authors interested in receiving PLR payment need to register by May 1st, 2010. For more information about how to register, please visit www.plr-dpp.ca.

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