

## Ontario Library Association 2011 Annual General Meeting

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### Agenda Item 8.4: Resolution on Rethinking Resource Sharing

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WHEREAS the *Ontario Library Association* recognizes that if libraries want to expand and promote information accessibility, and continue to be valued resources, they must re-evaluate their service models to improve their information delivery systems, and

WHEREAS aligning resource sharing workflow, collection policies, and discovery-delivery systems by significantly reducing service barriers and cost, and offering user service options are critical pieces that promote information access, and

WHEREAS libraries are making their collections visible on a global scale, so should they provide an international resource sharing delivery system or a service model that combines the strengths of all participating libraries, and

WHEREAS *OLA* believes the philosophy of the [Rethinking Resource Sharing Initiative](#) embraced by libraries and librarians will encourage the sort of resource sharing and delivery that will enhance the role of libraries in the expanding information environment while maintaining the integrity of the institution's mandate and collections,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *OLA* endorse the principles of the [Rethinking Resource Sharing Manifesto](#).

1. Restrictions shall only be imposed as necessary by individual institutions with the goal that the lowest-possible-barriers-to-fulfillment are presented to the user.
2. Library users shall be given appropriate options for delivery format, method of delivery, and fulfillment type, including loan, copy, digital copy, and purchase.
3. Global access to sharable resources shall be encouraged through formal and informal networking agreements with the goal towards lowest-barrier-to-fulfillment.
4. Sharable resources shall include those held in cultural institutions of all sorts: libraries, archives, museums, and the expertise of those employed in such places.
5. Reference services are a vital component to resource sharing and delivery and shall be made readily accessible from any initial "can't supply this" response. No material that is findable should be totally unattainable.
6. Libraries should offer service at a fair price rather than refuse but should strive to achieve services that are not more expensive than commercial services, e.g. bookshops.

7. Library registration should be as easy as signing up for commercial web based services. Everyone can be a library user.

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