

## **Unified English Braille Code (UEB) Background**

On April 24th, 2010, the Canadian Braille Authority (CBA) adopted UEB.

"The Canadian Braille Authority adopt(ed) UEB as the preferred code to be implemented in Canada. To this end, CBA will provide the necessary leadership to bring provincial ministries on side with implementation and will help develop strategies to achieve successful outcomes for all stakeholders."

In October 2011, UK adopted UEB. [www.ukaaf.org](http://www.ukaaf.org)

On November 2, 2012, [Braille Authority North America \(BANA\)](#) adopted UEB while still supporting Nemeth and in October 2013 BANA set a Day of Celebration for January 4th, 2016 to celebrate how far we have come with the transition.

The Canadian Association of Educational Resource Centres for Alternate Format Materials (CAER) group has agreed that all educational resource centres should implement UEB at the same time to maintain inter-library loans and keep one single approach for Canada.

The implementation of UEB has now begun in BC. PRCVI will be organizing a number of training events in the Spring of 2014, both face to face and on line.

It is recommended that Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Transcribers update their qualifications by taking the CNIB self directed course. [Transcribers UEB Course](#)

Vision Teachers can start teaching UEB to all students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 from September 2014 onwards. PRCVI has begun looking for suitable reading schemes and materials for these students and we will keep you informed of what resources are available. There will not be a "flicking of the switch" moment, but the change will happen over a few years. PRCVI will do its utmost to continue to be a leader in the field and offer leadership and support