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Dear Colleagues at the University of British Columbia:

I am writing to invite you to a discussion about Canada's libraries and archives. The Royal Society of Canada has established an expert panel to investigate and report on the status and future of the country's libraries and archives. The panel was formed in the spring of this year; its work includes the networked world of libraries and archives, along with a reinvigorated sense of access and engagement. The membership of our eleven-person international panel is available on the RSC website. A key element of this project is to hear from Canadians about the value they place on libraries and archives, the services they receive and expect from these institutions, and the ways digital technology is transforming our knowledge universe.

The consultation at the University of British Columbia will take place on **Friday, September 20**, in the Coach House of Green College, starting at 14:00. The attached questions will assist in focusing our discussion. On the attached poster you will find the URL of the panel's blog, which I encourage you to visit.

I want to thank Professor Sherrill Grace for chairing the RSC committee that formed the panel and for cheering us on, and Professor Mark Vessey for accommodating us so hospitably at Green College. I look forward to hearing your views and to a lively exchange on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



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