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Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on The Status and Future of Canada's Libraries and Archives:

NOTICE TO THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE COMMUNITIES

PLEASE RE-POST TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL LISTS

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As you may be aware, the Royal Society of Canada has established an eleven-member international expert panel to investigate the status and future of Canada's libraries and archives. The panel's mandate can be found at: <http://rsc-src.ca/en/expert-panels/rsc-reports/status-and-future-canadas-libraries-and-archives>

A key element of the panel's work is to hear from Canadians generally 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. Similarly, we also wish to hear from those professionals charged with delivering library, information, and archival services to Canadians, including what challenges (including delimiters) these professionals currently face in determining and then delivering the services expected by Canadians. However, our interests are broad, and while we suggest framing submissions to the panel within the context of the questions below, we want also to hear from the community on matters that you believe are critical to our understanding and our mandate.

Submission to the panel can be made by way of email attachment to Jessica MacQueen at <[jlmacqueen@gmail.com](mailto:jlmacqueen@gmail.com)> . The framing questions follow this letter.

In addition to receiving submissions from individuals or associations, these consultations have been established:

Yellowknife—September 13-14, 2013

Vancouver—September 19-21, 2013

Ottawa—October 4-5, 2013 (by invitation only)

Winnipeg—October 18-19, 2013

Montreal—October 24, 2013

Calgary (in conjunction with the Netspeed Conference)—October 24-25, 2013

Edmonton—October 28 and 29, 2013

Halifax—November 8-9, 2013

Toronto (in conjunction with The Archive Summit)—January 15-17, 2014

Toronto (in conjunction with The Ontario Library Association SuperConference)—January 29-31, 2014

If you wish to speak with panelists at one of these locations, please also contact Jessica MacQueen for venues and scheduling.

Thank you for your attention to this opportunity and for your consideration to participate.

Yours sincerely,



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