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In the digital era, libraries and archives are as vital as ever to Canadian society. The librarians, archivists, professors, writers, and curators who served on the RSC Panel on Canada’s libraries and archives agreed on the major importance of consulting with Canadians about the services they need and expect. The results of our Canada-wide meetings and the submissions we received underpin The Future Now: Canada’s Libraries, Archives, and Public Memory.