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RE : Framing Questions

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We think these questions all revolve around the same problems with similar directions. People are becoming more and more linked to their computers, e-readers, smart phones, etc. Their reading for pleasure or research will be done in isolation on line. Therefore, one of the most important jobs of the library will be to make that info available to all patrons. This however could be more economical and efficient through a centralized service offered by the province or the country, similar to the old mail-out system.

However, I don't think this spells the end of our community library. In fact, it would even be more important to the health of the community. As people become more and more isolated by the digital age, they will need a place to come together and share. This will be in the form of meeting spaces for book clubs, children's reading groups, interest and hobby groups, educational clinics and workshops, clubs, etc.

Librarians will need to be able to work well with people, organize time, spaces and schedules and have strong PR skills. Libraries will need more open spaces, comfortable seating for small and large groups. Canadians receive good Library services but could always be improved.

Hope this covers all the questions.

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