

Archivists, Librarians & Museum Professionals: **Sibling Heritage & Information Professionals**

Archives ensure that the records of today are preserved for future generations to study and understand the life, ideas and thoughts of their original creators, linking the past, present and future

- Archivists determine what to collect based on their particular institutional mandates.
- Archival records originate from businesses, governments, families, organizations and individuals.
- Archives hold records in various media, including paper documents, photographs, maps, films, sound recordings, electronic files, documentary art and architectural drawings.

Consider the common ground between archives, libraries and museums

- All of these institutions are fundamental to the information infrastructure of society and facilitate research for a variety of purposes.
- These institutions identify, preserve and celebrate information about our culture and societal identity.
- All of these facilities serve as recreational centres for the public, via in-person and distance visits, exhibitions, and special public programs.

Alliances between archives and related heritage and information professionals hold great potential

- Collaborative reference and public programming activities
- Integrated descriptive systems
- Partnership and shared solutions on a variety of professional issues, including strengthened advocacy of the cultural heritage sector as a whole

Learn more about archives and the Canadian archival community:

- "Using Archives: A Practical Guide for Researchers," created by the Library and Archives Canada, explains how to use archives: www.collectionscanada.ca/04/0416_e.html.
- Archives Canada, the Canadian Archival Information Network, allows one to locate archival resources across Canada: www.archivescanada.ca
- Canadian Council of Archives – the organization responsible for helping to improve the administration and effectiveness of the Canadian archival system: www.cdncouncilarchives.ca
- Association of Canadian Archivists – the professional organization for Canadian Archivists: www.archivists.ca

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