

# Here today, where tomorrow? Monitoring and making sense of Government of Canada web content changes in a post-depository environment

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**What do you mean you don't have a copy? The quest to preserve digital Canadian government information.**

**Amanda Wakaruk | Government Information Librarian**

# GC Web Content

## Short history, shorter lifespan:

- pre 2000: range of styles, content on agency websites
- 2000: Common Look and Feel (CLF) standard implemented
- 2007: CLF 2.0 released, implemented in 2008
- 2011: CLF 2.0 Part 2, Standard on the Accessibility, Interoperability, and Usability of Web Sites replaced by Standard on Web Accessibility
- 2012-2013: “Web Renewal Action Plan” in TBS DPR.

# GC Web Content

- Many anecdotes about lost web content.
- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) web archive: representative sample starting in 2005 and ending in November 2007 (lots of dead links).
- Wayback Machine (Archive.org): some gc.ca sites prior to 2012; “full” crawl in early 2013 due to advocacy efforts of GODORT IDTF (lots of dead links); first choice for journalists and other users.
- How do you know what’s been lost?



## THE WORLD DESK

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### Jason Kenney's speech to Islamic Society of North America removed from government (and personal) websites

by Michael Petrou on Thursday, July 18, 2013 11:58am - 109 Comments

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Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau has received sharp **criticism** for speaking last week to the Islamic Society of North America, an organization the secular Muslim Canadian Congress describes as “Canada’s leading Islamist group.”

As it happens, former citizenship and immigration minister (and current employment and social development minister) Jason Kenney also spoke to the group in November 2008.

Oddly, his speaking notes for the breakfast meeting seem to have been erased from Kenney’s website, and from the online archives of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.



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### Attention: Access to the NRCan Library catalogue temporarily suspended

Access to the Natural Resources Canada Library public catalogue is being temporarily suspended until it fully conforms to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). We hope to have it back online as soon as possible. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us at [✉ nrcanlibrary@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:nrcanlibrary@nrcan.gc.ca)

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# GC Web Content Project

- Assessment of changes to Government of Canada web content for three major departments between 2005-2014.
- Analysis of information policies that informed these changes.
- Partners: Government Information Librarian (Amanda Wakaruk); Assistant Professor at the School of Library and Information Studies (Michael McNally); SLIS Graduate Student (Danoosh Davoodi).

# GC Web Content Project

## Challenges:

- Lack of existing methods that account for the nature of content changes (beyond files sizes and volume).
- ATIP request delays / varying policy and procedure documents (e.g., responses ranged from 3 - 242 pages).

# Literature Search

Koehler, Wallace. 2004. "A Longitudinal Study of Web Pages Continued: A Consideration of Document Persistence." *Information Research*, 9(2): <http://www.informationr.net/ir/9-2/paper174.html>

Liebler, Raizel, and June Liebert. 2013. "Something Rotten in the State of Legal Citation: The Life Span of a United States Supreme Court Citation Containing an Internet Link (1996-2010)." *Yale Journal of Law and Technology*, 15(2): p. 273-311.

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Torres, Arturo. 2012. "Is Link Rot Destroying Stare Decisis as We Know It? The Internet-Citation Practice of the Texas Appellate Courts" *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process*, 13(2): 269-299.

Tyler, David, and Beth McNeil. 2003. "Librarians and Link Rot: A Comparative Analysis with Some Methodological Considerations." *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*, 3(4): 615-632.

Zittrain, Jonathan, Kendra Albert, and Lawrence Lessig. 2013. "Perma: Scoping and Addressing the Problem of Link and Reference Rot in Legal Citations." *Harvard Public Law Working Paper*, No. 13-42: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2329161](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2329161)

# Sub-Project: GC Databases

## Method:

- Compare database listings in Depository Services Program's Supplemental Checklists from 2005 and 2008 with current open access databases for three agencies.
- Assess changes in content availability between 2005 and 2015.

# Sub-Project: GC Databases

## Number of databases:

2005 Chkfst - 2008 Chkfst - available in 2015

- Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:  
3 - 2 - 1
- Industry Canada: 40 - 48 - 29
- Health Canada: 19 - 23 - 9

# Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada Databases: 2005 checklist

**RefQuest - Question and answer series.** Ottawa, 2005. (Viewed September 7, 2005). HTML.  
Electronic.

URL: [http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/refquest\\_f/query=\\*/toc/{t1}?](http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/refquest_f/query=*/toc/{t1}?)  
Free. (Internet).

Catalogue Number WWW05-02

**RefInfo - Responses to requests for information.** Ottawa, 2005. (Viewed September 7, 2005). HTML.  
Electronic.

"It is a compilation of responses to formal Information Requests submitted to the Documentation, Information and Research Branch during the refugee determination process."

URL: [http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/refinfo\\_f/query=\\*/doc/%7Bt1%7D?](http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/refinfo_f/query=*/doc/%7Bt1%7D?)  
Free. (Internet).

Catalogue Number WWW05-03

**RefLex.** Ottawa, 2005. (Viewed September 7, 2005). HTML.  
Electronic.

"RefLex is Legal Services' publication of digests of recent immigration and refugee protection decisions. It contains digests of decisions of the Immigration and Refugee Board's (IRB) Refugee Protection Division (formerly known as the Convention Refugee Determination Division), Immigration Appeal Division, and Immigration Division (formerly known as the Adjudication Division)."

URL: [http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/decisions/reflex/index\\_e.htm?action=search](http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/decisions/reflex/index_e.htm?action=search)  
Free. (Internet).

Catalogue Number WWW05-358



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Monograph

NAME(S): [Canada. Immigration and Refugee Board](#)

TITLE(S): \*Refquest [electronic resource] : question and answer series = série questions et réponses / IRB - Policy, Planning and Research Branch  
Refquest : série questions et réponses

EDITION: Version 34.0

PUBLISHER: [Ottawa] : Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, [199-?]-

NOTES: Electronic online service.  
Title from home page (viewed Feb. 23, 2000).  
Type of computer file: Text in HTML format.  
Contains the Research papers in the Question and answer series published by the Research Directorate. The papers provide concise and current information on specific issues of interest to the IRB in countries of origin of refugee claimants.  
Mode of access: Internet via World Wide Web..  
System requirements: Internet connectivity, World Wide Web browser, and Adobe Acrobat Reader.  
Text in English and French.

SUBJECTS: [Immigration issues--Databases](#)  
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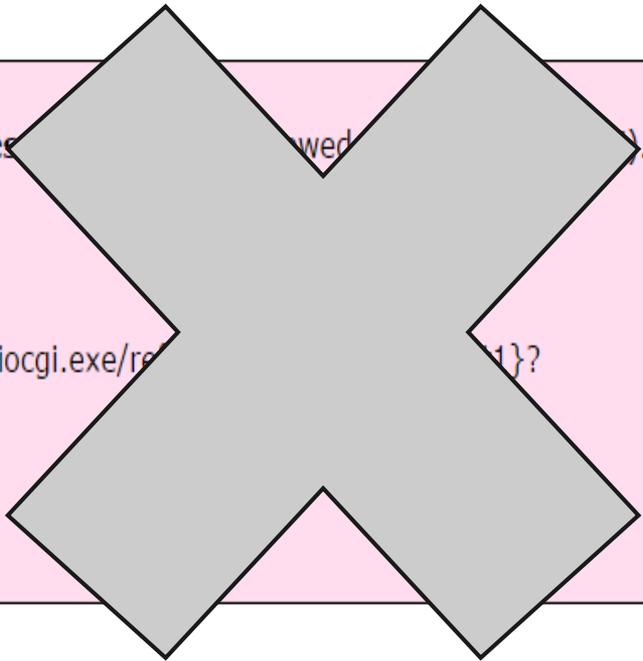
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<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/</a>	Apr 11, 2004	Apr 1, 2015	516	507	9
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/%20/Eng/brdcom/references/pol/pol/Pages/ehearings.aspx">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/%20/Eng/brdcom/references/pol/pol/Pages/ehearings.aspx</a>	Aug 25, 2012	Aug 25, 2012	4	1	3
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/%20[web%20raw]">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca:80/%20[web%20raw]</a>	Nov 29, 2006	Nov 29, 2006	1	0	1
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/</a>	Aug 13, 2012	Oct 14, 2014	165	161	4
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=dKZW2ZgjdjcUPQdWicBSCg%3D%3D">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=dKZW2ZgjdjcUPQdWicBSCg%3D%3D</a>	Oct 1, 2013	Oct 24, 2014	25	22	3
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=mHKsOQ0iU3Q5jdm9OZNDdg%3D%3D">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=mHKsOQ0iU3Q5jdm9OZNDdg%3D%3D</a>	Aug 13, 2012	Dec 13, 2013	76	73	3
<a href="http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=S5dt4K8TJGVTYU9HrW6enw%3D%3D">http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/_layouts/1033/core.js?rev=S5dt4K8TJGVTYU9HrW6enw%3D%3D</a>	Jul 24, 2012	Oct 14, 2012	8	5	3



**RefQuest - Question and answer series** ...wed ... HTML.  
Electronic.

URL: <http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/foliocgi.exe/re...1}?>  
Free. (Internet).

Catalogue Number WWW05-02

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Electronic.

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URL: [http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/refinfo\\_f/query=\\*/doc/%7Bt1%7D?](http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/cgi-bin/fofiocgi.exe/refinfo_f/query=*/doc/%7Bt1%7D?)  
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**Date Created:** 1992  
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**Last Revision:** June 1995  
**Subject Coverage:** IRB  
**Geographic Coverage:** Canada  
**Access:** IRB/Personnel Dept  
**Contact:** Chief, Personnel-Classification, Organization and Systems  
**Database Number:** IRB-0007

### REFINDEX

**Description:** Contains English and French terms indexed to the Indexed Media Review.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Bibliographical  
**Medium:** Network  
**Distributor:** Information Systems Directorate  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1992  
**Updating Frequency:** Monthly  
**Last Revision:** June 1995  
**Subject Coverage:** IRB  
**Geographic Coverage:** Canada  
**Access:** Public and Government  
**Contact:** Director General, Documentation, Information and Research  
**Database Number:** IRB-0021

### REFINFO

**Description:** Contains responses to information requests received by DIRB from RHOs and Members.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Full text  
**Medium:** Network  
**Distributor:** Information Systems Directorate  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1992  
**Updating Frequency:** Monthly  
**Last Revision:** June 1995  
**Subject Coverage:** IRB  
**Geographic Coverage:** Canada  
**Access:** Government  
**Contact:** Director General, Documentation, Information and Research  
**Database Number:** IRB-0020

### REFLEX

**Description:** Contains the former Precedent Book and summaries of recent decisions rendered by the CRDD, IAD and higher Courts.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Full text  
**Medium:** Network  
**Distributor:** Information Systems Directorate  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1991

### REFQUEST

**Description:** Contains full text of Question and Answer (Q&A) research papers of topical interest.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Full text  
**Medium:** Network  
**Distributor:** Information Systems Directorate  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1992  
**Updating Frequency:** Monthly  
**Last Revision:** June 1995  
**Subject Coverage:** IRB  
**Geographic Coverage:** Canada  
**Access:** Government  
**Contact:** Director General, Documentation, Information and Research  
**Database Number:** IRB-0019

### Refugee Decisions Database (REFDEC)

**Description:** To facilitate the dissemination of research efforts throughout the IRB and to fulfil IRB's commitment to openness by providing public access to a sample of decisions. REFDEC is a database that contains selections of sanitized refugee decisions. REFDEC database is made available to IRB users free of charge via QuickLaw, a commercial on-line database service.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Full text  
**Medium:** Online, Internet  
**Distributor:** QL Systems Limited (with information obtained through IRB)  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1992  
**Updating Frequency:** Monthly  
**Last Revision:** July 1995  
**Subject Coverage:** IRB  
**Geographic Coverage:** Canada  
**Access:** Government and Public  
**Contact:** Director General, Documentation, Information and Research  
**Database Number:** IRB-0022

### System for Tracking Appeal and Refugee cases (STAR)

**Description:** STAR provides automated support to the tracking and scheduling of cases and members. It can generate numerous statistical reports and listings for operational and management purposes.  
**Originating Department or Agency:** IRB  
**Type:** Clipper Database  
**Medium:** Network  
**Distributor:** Information Systems Directorate  
**Language(s):** Bilingual  
**Date Created:** 1989  
**Updating Frequency:** As required



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Responses to Information Requests (RIR) respond to focused Requests for Information that are submitted to the Research Directorate in the course of the refugee protection determination process. The database contains a seven-year archive of English and French RIRs. Earlier RIRs may be found on the UNHCR's [Refworld](#) website. Please note that some RIRs have attachments which are not electronically accessible. To obtain a PDF copy of an RIR attachment please email  [Basesdedonnees.DatabaseUnit@irb-cisr.gc.ca](mailto:Basesdedonnees.DatabaseUnit@irb-cisr.gc.ca).

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**SYR104276.FE**

Syria: Situation of bloggers (Internet) in Syria and their treatment by the authorities (2011-2012)  
 Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

**1. Government Control of the Internet**

According to several sources, the Syrian government controls the Internet network (*Le Figaro* 15 Sept. 2011; *La Montagne* 6 Jan. 2013; US 24 May 2012, 14). In 2011, Reporters Without Borders (RSF) stated that two government organizations, the Syrian Information Organization (SIO) and the Syrian Telecommunications Establishment (STE), control the Internet (RSF 11 March 2011). According to the RSF, [RSF English version] "[t]he STE and SIO use Thundercache software to maintain a centralised control over the Web. The programme provides online website monitoring and filtering by spotting key 'banned' words" (ibid.). Moreover, according to *France 24*, there is only one Internet provider in Syria: the STE, a government-controlled company (*France 24* 29 Nov. 2012). The RSF indicated that, in 2011, the government blocked more than 240 sites, namely the sites of opposition parties, independent information sites, social network sites, and blogs (RSF 11 Mar. 2011). *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2011*, published by the US Department of State, and *Le Monde* also reported that sites had been blocked (US 24 May 2012, 14; *Le Monde* 27 Jan. 2011). Sources also noted that there have been several interruptions in Internet service or "black-outs" in Syria in November 2011 (*France 24* 29 Nov. 2012; US 24 May 2012, 14) and in November 2012 (AP 29 Nov. 2012; *Equal Times* 30 Nov. 2012; *Le Nouvel Observateur* 29 Nov. 2012; Citizen Lab 15 Dec. 2012). According to a study on Internet filtering conducted by the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto, "[t]he government claimed that it was due to technical problems, but the incident was seen by the international community as a way of blocking reports on the current conflict" (ibid.). Cited in *Le Nouvel Observateur*, a network expert stated that the government had probably cut all access to the Internet in November 2012 (*Le Nouvel Observateur* 29 Nov. 2012). To this, the Syrian Department of Information replied: [translation] "Terrorists cut the Internet" (ibid.).

The World Report published by the RSF in 2011 stated the following:

[RSF English version]

The Web is monitored particularly closely, with the cyber-army recruited by the government playing a bigger and bigger role. Pro-Assad propaganda, the spread of false information, the hacking of email and social networking accounts, phishing etc-a veritable information and disinformation war is being waged in Syria. (RSF 1 Sept. 2011)

According to the report, Syria is on the RSF's list of "Internet Enemies" and President Bachar al-Assad is considered to be one of the world's 38 predators of press freedom (ibid.).

**2. Bloggers**

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) indicated that, based on the number of victims in 2012, Syria was at the top of the list of the most dangerous countries for journalists, with 36 journalists and media personnel killed (31 Dec. 2012). According to the RSF, [RSF English version] "[m]any Syrian journalists and bloggers have been arrested and tortured" (RSF 1 Sept. 2011). Amnesty International also indicated that, since the start of the demonstrations supporting the reform, thousands have been detained and tortured, including journalists and bloggers (AI 6 Dec. 2011).

Global Voices Advocacy, a site in Global Voices' global network of bloggers dedicated to protecting freedom of expression online to fighting cyber-censorship, also noted that many bloggers and journalists had been detained in 2011 (29 Oct. 2011). Sources reported that Syrian blogger Razan Ghazzawi was arrested on 4 December 2011 by the Syrian authorities at the border between Syria and Jordan (*Le Nouvel Observateur* 5 Dec. 2011; *Blogueurs sans frontières* 5 Dec. 2011; AI 6 Dec. 2011). She was on her way to Amman to attend a workshop on media freedom in the Arab world (ibid.; *Le Nouvel Observateur* 5 Dec. 2011).

Citing a Syrian activist who was imprisoned twice in Damascus, Global Voices Advocacy wrote that

[Global Voices English version]

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Status: Partial access via separate databases on separate web sites with long-term stewardship / preservation role taken over by a UN Commission.

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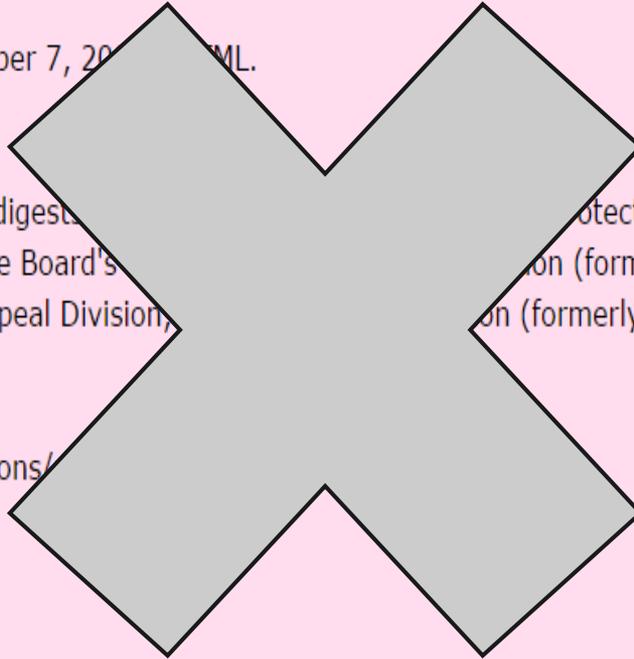
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- Funding sources database
- Canadian eHealth initiatives database
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# Summary

- Web content losses are difficult to track in context in a way that is comprehensive and meaningful.
- Convoluted or mediated access to and the removal of unique, useful web content of enduring value are at odds with Open Government principles and practices.

# Web Content Assessment

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences 2015  
(Ottawa, May 30-June 5); SLIS Assistant Professor Michael McNally

- *A Link is a Promise: Methodological Considerations for Examining the Removal of Redundant, Outdated and Trivial (ROT) Content from Government of Canada Websites* (see Canadian Communication Association program schedule)
  - This paper examines methodological approaches for investigating the removal of Redundant, Outdated and Trivial (ROT) content to be removed from Government of Canada websites as part of the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat's Web Renewal Action Plan. The presentation will examine the strengths and weaknesses of relying on the Internet Archive/Wayback Machine, Access to Information Requests, and longitudinal analysis of GoC database offerings.
- *Rotten by Design: Shortened Expiry Dates for Government of Canada Web Content* (see Canadian Association for Information Science program schedule)
  - This paper examines the Government of Canada's Web Renewal Initiative and impact on the provision of web based government information. A content analysis of documents received through Access to Information requests reveals the government's limited timelines for providing access to web content.

# Questions?

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# The post-depository environment

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# End of the DSP

- Depository program [in various forms] in existence since 1927
- DSP ended its mandate to produce, print, or warehouse hard copies of publications in March 2014
- The majority of Canadian federal government publications are now distributed online only
- Newly published Federal documents are available electronically at [publications.gc.ca](http://publications.gc.ca)

# Concordia

## Currently...

- Context at Concordia: Library Transformation - smaller collections footprint, increased study space
- Collections Reconfiguration - full review and evaluation of all collections
  - static collections, accessibility
  - digitization projects
- Weeding criteria
  - Quebec collections

# Concordia

## Weeding Criteria:

- Obsolescence
- Redundancy
- Date-sensitive
- Digitization
- Holdings at neighbouring libraries: McGill, UdeM, BAnQ
- Subject coverage negligible
- Damaged/Brittle materials

New discovery tools:

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# uOttawa

## Currently...

- Context of uOttawa → nation's capital + EN/FR
- Maintaining collection
- Adding links from the *Weekly Acquisitions List*

## In the coming months...

- Review of print collection
  - Electronic availability
  - Storage
  - Digitization
  - Collaboration

# Discussion

What is the state of affairs in Canada?

What are libraries doing in the post-deposit environment?

What do changes in access mean for libraries?

How are libraries partnering / sharing collections?

# Here today, where tomorrow? Monitoring and making sense of Government of Canada web content changes in a post-depository environment

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