

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910457258803321
Autore	Avery Cheryl
Titolo	Better off forgetting? : essays on archives, public policy, and collective memory // edited by Cheryl Avery and Mona Holmlund
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Toronto, [Ontario] ; ; Buffalo, [New York] ; ; London, [England] : , : University of Toronto Press, , 2010 ©2010
ISBN	1-4426-8987-0
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (261 p.)
Disciplina	025.17/140971
Soggetti	Archives - Canada Public records - Canada - Management Electronic books.
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Includes index.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Contributors -- Introduction / Avery, Cheryl / Holmlund, Mona -- Part One: The History of Funding -- 1 Pennies from Heaven: The History of Public Funding for Canadian Archives / Beyea, Marion -- 2 Lady Sings the Blues: The Public Funding of Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Canada / Sweeney, Shelley -- Part Two: Access and Privacy -- 3 Access-to-Information Legislation: A Critical Analysis / Gafuik, Jo-Ann Munn -- 4 Privacy: A Look at the Disenfranchised / Surtees, Doug -- 5 The Laurier Promise: Securing Public Access to Historic Census Materials in Canada / Cook, Terry / Waiser, Bill -- Part Three: The Digital Age -- 6 Search vs. Research: Full-Text Repositories, Granularity, and the Concept of 'Source' in the Digital Environment / Cole, Robert / Hackett, Chris -- 7 Preserving Digital History: Costs and Consequences / Hackett, Yvette -- Part Four: Accountability and the Public Sphere -- 8 Archives, Democratic Accountability, and Truth / Eastwood, Terry -- 9 Archivists and Public Affairs: Towards a New Archival Public Programming / Nesmith, Tom -- Part Five: Resource for the Present -- 10 Reconciliation in Regions Affected by Armed Conflict: The Role of Archives / Adami, Tom / Hunt, Martha -- 11 Bridging Us to Us: An Argument for the Importance of Archivists in Current Politics and Journalism / Steiner, Robert -- Index

## Sommario/riassunto

Throughout Canada, provincial, federal, and municipal archives exist to house the records we produce. Some conceive of these institutions as old and staid, suggesting that archives are somehow trapped in the past. But archives are more than resources for professional scholars and interested individuals. With an increasing emphasis on transparency in government and public institutions, archives have become essential tools for accountability. *Better Off Forgetting?* offers a reappraisal of archives and a look at the challenges they face in a time when issues of freedom of information, privacy, technology, and digitization are increasingly important. The contributors argue that archives are essential to contemporary debates about public policy and make a case for more status, funding, and influence within public bureaucracies. While stimulating debate about our rapidly changing information environment, *Better Off Forgetting?* focuses on the continuing role of archives in gathering and preserving our collective memory.

---