Preparing the Summit of the Future
How Libraries Contribute

Stewards of the Knowledge Commons
We preserve, curate and cultivate the information that is the basis for education, research and culture

Guardians of information integrity
We collect, curate and give access to a range of reliable information, for all

Science-Policy Interfaces
We provide a constant bridge between scientists and decision-makers,

(Open) Research Infrastructures
We accelerate innovation through supporting inclusive sharing and access

Delivering digital literacy and skills
We help people become competent and confident internet users throughout life

Provider of connectivity and content
We are the only - or a key complementary - way to get online and access relevant materials

Motors of civic engagement
We support engagement in open government and build informed, participatory societies

Guarantors of the right to education
We are portals to and providers of lifelong learning and skills for everyone

Promotors of wellbeing for all
We provide a refuge, an escape, and a world of possibilities for visitors

Core of the New Social Contract
We are truly universal institutions, focused on providing what people need, where they are

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