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Marsha Lederman tells us that we need independent bookstores (*An ode to independent Canadian bookstores*, Saturday, April 27, 2024.) The fact that they still exist in Canada suggests that someone certainly needs them. However, the success of online book buying indicates that many, if not most, readers believe that is a better way to find reading material. Ms. Lederman argues that a place lined with books, where you can sample your choices, and draw on the advice and expertise of staff provides a better experience. It certainly does sound enticing. But it sounds like my local library.

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