

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders –

Greetings from CRL and, not Chicago, but Seattle! I am here attending the SAMP, SEAM (which take place in conjunction with CEAL Conference) and visiting with members of the International Collections and Content Group (ICCG).

In my first weekly update (February 21), I shared that in my first conversations with you that I heard “far too many times from the membership that they did not feel involved or represented in the planning process” for CRL’s changes in global collections and that “we need to slow our train until everyone is on board.” Building on that point, and after talking with members of the ICCG and CSPC, I told Greg and the CRL Board of Directors that we should change the Implementation Task Force charge such that it opens space for us to gather as a community, and jointly enter a shared solution space as a community. I am delighted to report that based on that feedback, the CRL Board of Directors has approved a substantially reworked Task Force Charge, which now focuses not on implementation and more on us working together to identify ways that we as a community can harmonize and align activities of the global programs with CRL’s core collection development and service model. The updated Task Force charge is posted on our Strengthening CRL Global Collections Landing Page: [Strengthening CRL Global Collections | CRL](#) (direct link to document, [here](#).)

These changes better capture the immediate work ahead (aligning CRL and the hosted programs) and emphasize engagement and communication while removing language that suggests a pre-determined future would be forced on the membership on a tight timeline.

Also, the Global Collections Advisory Task Force had their kickoff meeting on Monday and is off to a great start. We have created a space called “[Advisory Task Force Community Notes](#)” on the Strengthening Global Collections landing page so you can keep track of when the Task Force meets and what we are discussing. As a reminder, the charge and list of members is also there. My huge appreciation to Task Force members, which includes members of the CRL Board of Directors, CSPC, and ICCG. It’s a great group!

That’s it for this week. I look forward to meeting with SEAM later today, and SAMP later this week.

Have a great week, everyone!

Kevin