

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders -

Greetings from CRL and from Chicago!

Last week was less eventful than the previous week when we held the CRL Annual Council of Voting Members Meeting but I continue to have engaging conversations about the dynamic and exciting future ahead of us at the Center for Research Libraries.

The Global Collections Advisory Task Force met; the members shared information and observations from the CRL Annual Council of Voting Members Meeting from the week previous, including hearing a brief report from the International Collections and Content Group (ICCG) which had reviewed an early draft of the forthcoming proposed governance document for the CRL area studies groups. Despite being convened and charged only a short while ago, the task force has made good progress and will continue to post updates on their member information page at <https://www.crl.edu/crl-global-collections-advisory-task-force-community-notes>. I am thrilled to add that the CRL membership is highly engaged with the task force and the tone is generally optimistic and forward-looking.

I met with the Core Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries Interest Group of the ALA CORE division. This was my first time speaking with these colleagues in this context and it gave me an opportunity to meet CCDO member representatives I did not already know and to explore the relationship between CRL and other institutions with large collections (most of which are also members of CRL).

I also had conversations with Helen Williams, Teaching Professor at University of Washington Information School, and with Denise Pan, Senior Associate Dean of University Libraries for Collections and Strategic Partnerships, also at the University of Washington and a former CSPC Chair. Both conversations were about opportunities for the future development of CRL Global Collections and imagining possibilities for future work. As part of my ongoing engagement directly with members, I also held another open office hour.

All these activities are part of my larger effort to plan and collaboratively build a strong sense of community and deliver greater value for all our member institutions, their staff, and their researchers. Please remember that you can find answers and updates on our Enhancing Global Collections Landing Page and that you can schedule time to speak with me directly at <https://www.crl.edu/strengthening-crl-global-collections>

Thank you for your ongoing support and contributions!

- Kevin

