

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders -

Greetings from CRL and from Chicago!

Last week I had a meeting with the Chairs of CIFNAL, the Collaborative Initiative for French Language Collections, and GNARP, the German-North American Resources Partnership, Claude Potts and Jeremy Ott, respectively. These groups are two of the GRNs referenced when I write AMP/GRNs, representing CRL's work in building a "Global Resources Network." Although all AMPs have distinct characteristics and common elements, these groups both focus on language rather than geographic region. We discussed the overlap and distinctions of their work, which I will take to the Global Collections Advisory Task Force for consideration.

Of course, I'm still offering office hours for personal meetings if you or your group have thoughts on any of this work or opinions about the future of CRL. Please reach out via Zoom: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Marlies and I met with our primary microfilming vendor Backstage to check on CRL projects that are there. We also confirmed they have the capacity for us to send more their way as we plan to resume our collections work, specifically starting with filming print newspapers that have been on hold. We will have a follow up meeting with them later this year.

This week I've been attending the Biodiversity Heritage Library Annual Meeting (biodiversitylibrary.org). BHL is the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives, a collection built collaboratively by their global research library membership: a non-extractive commons. With a strong collection of primary resources, their work truly encompasses the globe and some of our CRL members are also members of BHL.

I have just a few highlights this week. I hope you all are well and enjoying a pleasant Spring.

- Kevin