

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders -

Greetings from CRL and from Chicago!

We have been getting questions about the one-time fiscal adjustment not showing up in the most recent quarterly accounting statement. Nothing has changed, the money has not gone away, it is just in a separate holding account and thus not on the generated report. Those funds amounts were copied onto the previous report manually for reference, and the money remains accessible for upcoming projects.

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the annual business meeting of the Cooperative Africana Materials Project (CAMP). Held at the Library of Congress (LOC), the event featured presentations about various facets of LOC newspaper-related programs, including sourcing, digitizing, preserving, and providing access. On the theme of newspapers, I have a follow up meeting with the CAMP newspaper subcommittee to review our collaborative efforts in this area and to gain insight into the LOC Cooperative Acquisitions Project (<https://www.loc.gov/acq/ovop/>), which sources non-US newspapers (and other materials) for the LOC itself but also for their participating libraries, which includes many of our members and CRL itself.

Marlies (CRL Collections Services Librarian) and I met with the Associate University Librarian for Collections and Organizational Effectiveness and other staff from the University of Pittsburgh to review CRL services and priorities. A change of duties there brought in people less familiar with our work and we are always happy to meet with our members and talk about our services, collections, and shared work!

The Collections and Services Policy Committee (CSPC) had their regular meeting where we reviewed a report from a Collection Development Policy Working Group. And, the Global Collections Advisory Task Force met to continue work on a draft proposal mentioned our previous update on our community notes page (<https://www.crl.edu/crl-global-collections-advisory-task-force-community-notes>). We will have an adjusted meeting schedule over the summer to accommodate member travel but will continue to provide updates per meeting.

Of course, I'm still offering office hours for personal meetings. These are great opportunities to chat if you still have questions (or opinions) about the future of CRL. Please reach out via Zoom: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

- Kevin