

Friday, August 9, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders,

Hello from Chicago! I hope this update finds you all well!

After meeting irregularly over the summer, the Advisory Task Force is back on a regular schedule. Next week we will review information provided by CRL General Counsel and begin planning the next steps in information-sharing and stakeholder communications.

Regarding communications, please remember that these email updates are also posted to the [Strengthening CRL Global Collections](#) website under *weekly messages*, as are brief notes from the task force meetings. Also, I am still holding open office hours for individuals and small groups. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to chat about collections at CRL.

Please reach out via Zoom [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) to get on my calendar.

Despite not starting new projects this past year, work on approved projects continues. Below is an update of some of the projects currently underway. Please reach out to Marlies if there is a project you are unsure about and need a status update.

Wishing you the best as the summer winds down,

Kevin

Project updates from Marlies:

After a long delay, Backstage delivered some microfilm reels. There is some movement in their backlog and our older approved projects are now being processed. CRL staff are working across departments to make the material available.

Mary St. Germain (**MEMP** representative), at the University of Washington, and CRL's cataloger Steve Early have completed the extensive cataloguing for the **Central Asian newspaper** on microfilm. It was part of MEMP in collaboration with UW, however the first parts were done by SEEMP. You can find the reels here [CRL Catalog](#), and the exact holdings of each reel can be seen under "[Staff View](#)" for each reel.

CRL received the files from the **MEMP** project, "Late Ottoman and Early Republican Diplomatic Treatises and State Publications," and will be ingesting them in our new digital repository TIND soon.

CRL received the first two years (2013-2014) of the SEAM microfilm reels of **Nanyang Shang Bao**; a Malaysian Chinese daily newspaper. A second title **Berita Harian** (part of a larger **SEAM** newspaper project) microfilm reels will be shipped to CRL next week. After that CRL's acquisition team will be cataloging the titles and making them available for loan.

Mary Radar (**SAMP** representative) contacted us about a list of South Asia Science & Technology Serials from the University of Hawai'i being offered on collection listservs. CRL analyzed the title list per our policies and accepted many journals to close gaps in our collection. In the upcoming weeks, CRL's acquisitions team will update its records and holdings. Thanks, Mary, for calling out this opportunity and thanks to Monica Ghosh, Chair of the Asia Collection & South Asia Studies Librarian at the University of Hawai'i for their kind assistance.

Have a nice weekend,

Marlies