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# Center for Research Libraries: A (Very) Brief Introduction

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# Introduction



Center *for* Research Libraries  
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GLOBAL RESOURCES NETWORK

<https://www.crl.edu/>

# Overview

“The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is an international consortium of university, college, and independent research libraries. Founded in 1949, CRL supports original research and inspired teaching in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences by preserving and making available to scholars a wealth of rare and uncommon primary source materials from all world regions.”

- 16,000+ newspaper titles from around the world
- Global government information
- Foreign doctoral dissertations
- Science, technology, & engineering, including 50,000+ global journal titles available through partnership with Linda Hall Library



# Member Benefits

- Access to 5,000,000+ items in the CRL collections, including print, microform, & digital (20,000,000 pages digitized)
- On-demand purchases & digitization
- ILL & document delivery from Linda Hall Library of Science & Technology
- Consultations related to research and teaching
- Opportunities to join global resource initiatives, e.g., Latin Americanist Research Resources Project

## Members include:

- The Claremont Colleges
- Occidental College
- *San Diego State University*
- University of California Davis
- University of California San Diego
- University of San Diego

<https://www.crl.edu/membership/members>



# Collections

“The approximately five million newspapers, journals, books, pamphlets, dissertations, archives, government publications, and other resources held by CRL support original research and teaching. CRL holdings include materials from all world regions .... While these shared collections are largely paper and microform, CRL provides online access to a continually expanding body of [digital materials](#).”

## By the Numbers—the CRL Community in FY19

### Supporting scholarship



**\$2 million** invested to build *shared collections*



**5.7 million** pages added online to enrich research, including est. 3.7 million pages *Open Access*



**469** titles acquired on demand for researchers



**31,771** new holdings in *PAPR*, supporting community-owned infrastructure for shared print

### Engaging the community



**136** institutions attended *CRL forums or webinars*



**107** libraries voted on *purchase proposals*, building collective collections



**147** libraries took up *125 CRL negotiated eResource offers*



**\$4.6 million** estimated total *savings* by CRL libraries participating in *CRL eResource offers*

<https://www.crl.edu/collections>



# Global Resources

*Acquisitions from 79 countries in FY19:*



# Resources for Teaching



“I was very grateful that CRL digitized these materials, which they may not have had plans to do originally. Students could then access the materials through the class website at all hours.”

“Teaching Modern History of India with CRL Newspapers”

<https://www.crl.edu/impact/teaching-modern-history-india-crl-newspapers>

# Overviews for SDSU Faculty

Arts, Humanities, Social  
Sciences, and Area Studies

April 29th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

[https://zoom.us/j/93705827719  
?pwd=SG5mcm14TTZGYjFKM  
HhGUUnl2UEdhdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93705827719?pwd=SG5mcm14TTZGYjFKMHhGUUnl2UEdhdz09)

STEM and Health Sciences

May 5th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

[https://zoom.us/j/98631814769  
?pwd=dktCTjJldFg2cTZsc0Nw  
OHg0SThyUT09](https://zoom.us/j/98631814769?pwd=dktCTjJldFg2cTZsc0NwOHg0SThyUT09)





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