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Although *Collaborative Librarianship* is based in the United States, the journal wishes to address issues related to collaboration in other countries around the world. We are pleased to have volume 2, number 2 *focus* on this broader horizon. The three peer reviewed articles address library collaboration, research or community development in parts of Latin America, Africa and Asia, as well as regions in North America. "From the Field" focuses on library collaboration among academic libraries in Afghanistan, Qatar and the United States. The engaging interview with Dr. Jesus Lau covers librarianship on the international stage, but with particular attention give to Mexico and Latin America, for obvious reasons!

While not ostensibly non-North American, the two "Viewpoints" columns and the three "Reviews" will benefit readers regardless of location. This issue includes a guest editorial by Illene Roggensack of Third Sector Innovations, an international organizational that assists service agencies in improving operations and returns on investments. Dovetailing with the emphasis on libraries contributing to community development and sustainability, she emphasizes the important role communities play in fostering common values and purpose, the "magic pill," as it were, for human inclusiveness, growth, learning and strength.

Thanks must be expressed to the authors, reviewers, peer reviewers, interviewers and interviewees contributing to this issue, and to the Editorial Team and Advisory Board of *Collaborative Librarianship*. Of course, your response to any of the views expressed in these articles is welcomed, and may be considered for publication.

Although the journal is published quarterly, remember to visit the website frequently to keep abreast of developing news related to

library collaboration. This section is updated frequently each week. Your contributions and comments to *CL "News"* are always welcomed. Keep informed *and* in touch! Please consider becoming a "fan" of *Collaborative Librarianship* via our facebook website:

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