

Jeffrey Marshall and I look forward to seeing many of you at ALA Annual on Saturday morning, June 24, from 10:30am to 11:30am in Room 4B at the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.) for the RBMS Collection Development discussion group.

The topic will be **Changing scope: building collections in new collecting areas**

What are the funding and other structural challenges to building collections that are more diverse and inclusive with respect to content, format, and origin? How can those challenges be overcome? How can we advocate for the imperative to collect in new areas with various constituents: with administrations, with dealers and the book trade more broadly, with our colleagues in special collections and elsewhere in the library? How do you handle pressure and responsibility to build on existing collection strengths while also collecting in new areas? How do you assess research value and impact of collections in new collecting areas when academic work in those areas is just emerging? What new partnerships (for example, with academics and with creators) might facilitate this work? And whatever else comes up!

This topic has come up in previous discussion as meriting more time and focused attention. If you have suggestions for future topics, please let us know at the meeting or feel free to email us.