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Dr. David Whitehouse, Executive Director  
The Rakow Research Library at the Corning Museum of Glass  
1 Museum Way  
Corning, NY 14830

Cc: Diane Dolbashian, Head Librarian  
Megan McGovern, Digital Asset Specialist

Dear Dr. Whitehouse,

As the chair of the Outstanding Collaboration Citation for Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), it is my pleasure to inform you that Juliette K. and Leonard S. Rakow Research Library of The Corning Museum of Glass was nominated and selected as one of the award recipients for 2010.

Our committee was quite impressed with the glassware collection housed within the Rakow Research Library which serves a much smaller user community, that of researchers and collectors of glassware by individual glassmakers. Nevertheless, this small but important collection of Carder Steuben glassware has been made accessible by collaboration with an outside organization, the Carder Steuben Club. Both organizations collaborated to examine the photographs and identify the glassware and their characteristics. The library staff did a wonderful job in devising a searchable database of the photographs that could be incorporated into the library's catalog before scanning and digitizing these images. These photographs are now preserved and housed in archival-quality folders after bar-coding them for inventory control purposes and embedding thumbnail images into the library's catalog.

There will be an ALCTS Awards Ceremony at the American Library Association conference in Washington, D.C. The ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 27, 5:30-6:30 PM. We look forward to your attendance.

Charles Wilt, the Executive Director of ALCTS, will follow up in the spring, tentatively in May, with more details on the ceremony's location, procedures, and expectations. Please provide us the complete contact information for further correspondence.

Congratulations on receiving this distinctive award for innovative collaboration!

Please do not hesitate to contact Charles Wilt at [cwilt@ala.org](mailto:cwilt@ala.org) or myself at [maryjo.venetis@utdallas.edu](mailto:maryjo.venetis@utdallas.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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