

Final Report
RBDB Grant 2014

Elmira College Gannett-Tripp Library

This project was quite straightforward and went according to the plan as outlined in our proposal.

The Gannett-Tripp Library received delivery of a Viewscan II Film Scanner on June 19th 2014. This took up the better part of that day including installation and training on the machine by the people from Image Integrator. Another half ay of orientation on the following day for library staff plus a half day the following week, allowed us to familiarize ourselves with the machine and establish procedures and basic instructions for the equipment. This involved the Project Manager, Cataloger and ILL Specialist.

Evaluation and Outcomes

1. As expected the new equipment met or exceeded our goals as outlined in the project. Inter-Library Loan has benefitted the most. User needs for film formats are greatly diminished recently but those who have made use of the machine are pleased and don't suffer the same frustrations regarding image quality and ease of use encountered with the older equipment.
2. Quantitatively, image capture time and request fulfillment has been cut approximately in half according to our observations. For ILL requests the machine offers immediate capture (and immediate e-mail delivery in some cases) eliminating additional steps of scanning, printing and delivery and providing clearly, objectively superior copies.
3. Our own Archival materials on film were tested and the potential for further use is an exciting prospect. Materials that have been scanned and captured now exist in clear image files that are easily manipulated and duplicated. A proposed larger scale project to capture and make digitally available materials from the Mark Twain and College Archives will make extensive use of the machine.
4. Borrowed rare material on film for faculty researchers has been copied in a much less tedious and higher quality way. In the past we had to bring faculty over and plant them on a machine for long periods of time or put students to work copying many pages on the older, slower machinery. We have had several instances of borrowed materials of this nature this year and student workers have been able to

- copy and send things to interested faculty in a more timely fashion which also allowed us to return materials to our lenders in a more timely fashion.
5. Staff training is very simple on the new machine and our ILL students take to it immediately and actually enjoy using the machine.

Budget and Expenditures

There were no unforeseen expenses. Our cost from Image Integrator was as stated in their quote and our institutional commitment was, likewise, as we expected.

Purchase and installation -	\$11,240.00
Dedicated Dell Computer	795.14
Staff time - _____	500.00
TOTAL:	\$12,535.14
SCRL Funds	8,000.00
Elmira College Contribution	4,535.14

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