

South Central Regional Library Council  
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July 20, 2023

Dear Claire Lovell & Mary-Carol Lindbloom,

On behalf of Fenimore Art Museum staff and Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to submit this final report to South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) for our 2022 Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing (RBDB) grant. Below is a summary of the project and final budget provided by Haley Shear, Project Director.

**Project Summary:**

Scanning for the Fenimore Art Museum’s Newspaper Digitization Project for the 2022 season was completed at the end of November 2022, and grant funds were expended in that month. A total of 30,462 images were digitized across 39 reels of microfilm from the *New Berlin Gazette*, published in Chenango County, and the *Delhi Delaware Express* from Delaware County.

**Goals and Outcomes:**

Our major goal and outcome for this project has been to enhance remote access opportunities for both local and remote researchers for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century newspapers published in the SCRLC region. We have successfully met this goal by contracting with the Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN) to digitize all items and post them to the New York State Historic Newspapers website.

**Final Budget:**

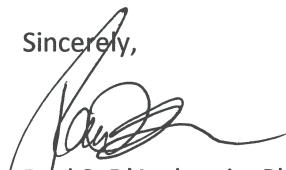
2022 RBDB	Budget Submitted with Application	Actual
FAM	\$460.40	\$698
SCRLC	\$5,557.50	\$4,569.30

SCRLC approved the amount of \$5,557.50. The total invoice from NNYLN to digitize these newspapers came to \$4,569.30. In addition, the project included 20 hours of internal labor relating to inventory, metadata, microfilm shipping, reporting, and contact with NNYLN, totaling \$698. The increase in the staff time contribution is due to the changing of the project leader, with a difference in salary. This led to a total expenditure of \$5,267.30.

**Final Conclusions:**

This successful project continues our mission to enhance the amount and quality of resources we can provide to researchers, genealogists, and the public. This allows us to connect our users to the rich cultural heritage of New York State. We are grateful for SCRLC’s continued support.

Sincerely,



Paul S. D’Ambrosio, Ph. D.  
President and CEO



Thank you!