

South Central Regional Library Council  
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April 4, 2022

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 (SCRCL) for our 2021 Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing (RBDB) grant. Below is a summary of the project and final budget provided by Joe Festa, Project Director.

**Project Summary:**

Scanning for Fenimore Art Museum's Newspaper Digitization Project for the 2021 season was completed at the end of September of 2021 and grants funds were expended in November of the same year. A total of 64,881 images were digitized across 56 microfilm reels from newspapers published in Delaware county.

**Goals & Outcomes:**

Our major goal and outcome of this project has been to make remote access possible to a wide variety of 19th- & early 20th- century newspaper titles published in the South Central Regional Library Council region. We have successfully met this goal by contracting with the Northern New York Library Network to post all digitized images to New York State Historic Newspapers online.

**Final Budget:**

2021 RBDB	Budget Submitted with Application	Actual
FAM	\$722.80	\$742.80
SCRCL	\$8,000.00	\$7,980.00

SCRCL approved a grant in the amount of \$7,980.00. The total invoice from NNYLN cost to digitize these newspapers and mail copies of the digital files came to \$8,030.00, with the difference covered by Fenimore Art Museum. In addition, our contribution to project funding included 20 hours of internal labor related to metadata, inventory, contact with NNYLN, microfilm shipment, and reporting, which totaled \$692.80.

**Final Conclusions:**

This successful project greatly enhances our mission to connect scholars, genealogists, and the general public to the rich cultural heritage of New York State, and we are extremely grateful to have SCRCL's continued support.

Sincerely,



Paul S. D'Ambrosio  
President and CEO