

# Digitization Advisory Committee

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Present: Claire Lovell, Julia Corrice, Erika Jenns, Erin Rushton

Excused: John Hosford, Maggie Young

The group discussed activities for the Digitization program for 2024-2025. Claire shared her personal goals for the year:

- Create & publish the Underground Railroad Exhibit, online and physically; co-plan and launch--which could be in-person and/or via a webinar series--in the spring.
- Complete the 11 Digitization Lab projects for the 2024-2025 Digitization Grant round.
- Implement the plans laid out Execute by the marketing plan, e.g. weekly Facebook posts and NYLINE summaries of new collections; involve other SCRLC staff as possible.
- In 2025, update History Unbound with new resources.
- Participate in developing the next Plan of Service.

And shared the last two years of Digitization program goals:

## 2023-2024 Activities

- Compile inclusive metadata learning opportunities and resources on LibGuides and share out via SCHOAM newsletters each month
- Begin an audit of SCRLC member NYH collections with an eye to inclusive metadata
- Promote NYH collections via Facebook
- Promote NYH collections with material for educators
- Add new NYH collections to the Digital Dark Archives

## 2022-2023 Activities

- Offer at least one continuing education event about inclusive metadata
- Add at least one new collection representing historically oppressed and marginalized peoples and perspectives
- Identify potential new members and reach out to them for collection digitization
- Create a LibGuide about inclusive metadata practices
- Add new NYH collections to the Digital Dark Archives
- Add other (external) local history digital projects to HistoryUnbound

With that in mind, the group established goals for the upcoming year, besides continuing current practices:

## 2024-2025 Activities

- Begin an audit of SCRLC member NYH collections with an eye to inclusive metadata
- Approach NYH DEI committee with proposal to review NYH Metadata Dictionary for inclusive metadata guidelines

- Compile inclusive metadata learning opportunities and resources on LibGuides and share out via SCHOAM newsletters each month
- Promote NYH collections via Facebook
- Promote NYH collections via NYLINE

The group shared updates from their libraries:

- The Academic and Special Library Section (ASLS) of NYLA is doing a meetup on August 6th at 1pm online just as a fun networking opportunity. Here's the link for registration: [https://utah.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAf-CsrD4uHtYPeOD1tr1lrgyF2F\\_2Aslm#/registration](https://utah.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAf-CsrD4uHtYPeOD1tr1lrgyF2F_2Aslm#/registration)
  - Claire suggested forwarding it to the sclrc-I list.
- Julia's working on a lot of migration projects through ArchivesSpace.
- Cornell is hiring a new Visual Resources Metadata Librarian. Three finalists are interviewing in August. This person would help faculty create digital collections and help Julia with migrations.
- They're looking at Samvera and Orange Logic as a replacement for Jstor Forum. Orange Logic is more of a digital assets management for internal company workflows, but it may work for the library.
- Julia was working with Freedom on the Move fellows. These are people working on enslavement ads ("runaway slaves"). She suggests checking NYSHN for advertisements that could be used in the UGRR exhibit.
- Erika repeated a suggestion that Claire reach out to Friendship Library for UGRR materials.
- Erika will bring Cuba's poetry society's pamphlets to FLLS to get scanned.
- Andover's newspapers (saved as PDFs) will be moved off their website and sent to NYSHN.
- Erika is now the Assistant Director. Her position as Member Engagement Consultant is now hiring, so she may leave this committee for that new person.
- At Binghamton University, they've just completed the pre-1978 dissertation digitization. They'll have some publicity for that in the next year.
- Erin's been working on guidelines for digitization best practices, codifying workflows and policies.
- They use Primo to harvest collections from a digital preservation system Rosetta, Omeka, Alma, and Harvest, but there are issues with accessibility and discoverability.
- BU is participating in migration discussions because Ex Libris is going to update Rosetta to be more like Alma. It will be cloud-based with an Alma-like interface. It'll be a new product but heavily based on Alma. There will be different tiers (like now there's Rosetta Pro and Rosetta Plus). BU will be impacted but not as much as some of the other much larger institutions.
- Julia hopes Cornell will send copies of materials to NYHeritage of local history materials someday, hopefully this year.