

South Central Regional Library Council
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July 19, 2024

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 2023 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 2023 season was completed in December 2023, with grant funds expended the same month. A total of 21,704 pages were digitized across 24 reels of microfilm from the *Richfield Springs Mercury*, dating between 1925 and 1972.

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 19th and 20th 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. They were posted to the New York State Historic Newspapers website in March 2024.

Final Budget:

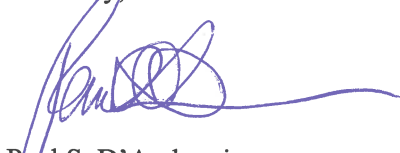
2023 RBDB	Budget Submitted with Application	Actual
SCRLC	\$5,234	\$5,234
FAM	\$0	\$698

SCRLC approved the amount of \$5,234, which matched the amount needed to contract the digitization. In addition, the project included 20 hours of internal labor relating to inventory, metadata, microfilm shipping, reporting, and contact with NNYLN, totaling \$698. This amount was covered by the museum. The total expenditure for the project was \$5,932.

Final Conclusions:

This successful project continues our mission to enhance the amount and quality of resources we can provide to researchers, genealogists, and the general 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
President and CEO

