

## Technology & Digitization Grant Report for STLS & Angelica Free Library

This project took place in South Central Regional Library Council's (SCRLC) July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 grant cycle. The grant was funded through STLS/SCRLC, in the amount of \$5,234. The goal of this project was to digitize microfilm reels of the "Angelica Advocate" (one reel of the "Allegany County Republican" (Jan. 3 1901-Jan. 2 1903); 1 reel of the "Every Week" (Oct. 26, 1886- Dec. 27 1887); 17 reels of the "Angelica Advocate" (1908-1958); and five reels of the "Dispatch" (1958-1966) ), which has now been completed.

### Project timeline:

- David Haggstrom gathered the reels to be digitized from the Southeast Steuben County Library and the David A. Howe Library.
- The reels were then sent to STLS from Angelica. From there, they were mailed to NNYLN.
- The reels stayed with NNYLN for digitization, cropping, OCR, and uploading to their archive.
  - o Progress as of October, 2023: Film reels will be with the Northern NY Library Network for a few more months as, after scanning, there are several more steps. The process should take a full year, so we anticipate having the final links to the digitized files by next June.
- The digitized papers have been made public in the NYSHN archive. STLS submitted a press release to various local news publications, and the news has been shared on social media and the Angelica Free Library website. The Angelica Free Library website now features links to the newspapers in its header menu bar. Patrons who had previously inquired with related historical questions have been informed that this resource is now available, so that they can begin utilizing it right away.

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