



MORE ART
MORE CULTURE
MORE DISCOVERY

July 31, 2025

Dear Claire Lovell & Mary-Carol Lindbloom,

On behalf of Fenimore Art Museum staff and the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to submit this final report to South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) for our 2024 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 2024 season was completed in November 2024, and grant funds were expended in that month. An estimated 21,000 pages were digitized across 23 reels of microfilm. This included 14 reels of the *Mohawk Courier* (1838-1859) and 9 reels of *Glimmerglass* (1909-1968).

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 South Central Regional Library Council 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 late 2024.

Final Budget:

2024 RBDB	Budget Submitted with Application	Actual
SCRLC	\$4,954	\$4,604
FAM	\$0	\$350

SCRLC approved the amount of \$4,604, which matched the amount needed to contract the digitization. In addition, the project included 10 hours of internal labor relating to inventory, metadata, microfilm shipping, reporting, and contact with NNYLN, totaling \$350. This amount was covered by the museum. The total expenditure for the project was \$4,954.

Final Conclusions:

This successful project continues our mission to expand access of our collections to researchers, historians, 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,

Haley Shear
Special Collections Librarian