

## Final Report for SCRLC: RBDG Grant 2022-2023

### Seymour Public Library District – Voices of Cayuga County: Continuing the Conversation

We hired a second year student from the Cooperstown Graduate Program as the intern for our project. He conducted five individual interviews and worked on editing and transcription as well. He had a technical issue with one interview when the audio failed to record properly and the interview had to be conducted a second time. The interviews, as we had planned, included at-risk narratives from older residents as well as narratives from Black members of our community.

The interviews, along with transcripts, will be posted on the Library's YouTube channel as well as added to our oral history collection at New York Heritage. We will promote them through the websites and social media of both the Library and the Museum

Our intern was not able to complete the proposed group interview with members of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church. He established a connection with the priest, Father Vasile, who identified parishioners who would be willing to participate in a group interview. Father Vasile's schedule, however, continued to be overloaded with resettling new immigrants and our intern was not able to finalize an interview time. We are still hopeful the connections that were established will lead to an interview at a future date.

The project moved slower than we expected as our intern had some unforeseen disruptions to his schedule and was not able to put in the full number of hours. In the spring we received SCRLC permission to train one of our part time library staff to work on the project. Nychele completed training in collecting audio as well as video narratives in preparation for the next cycle of the project.

We thank SCRLC for support of this project, and we look forward to further expanding this collection with additional diverse narratives in the next cycle and to incorporating the narratives into our exhibits, programming, and outreach.

#### Budget

	Proposed	Expended
Personnel (interns)	\$2,400.00	\$1,898.88
TOTAL	\$2,400.00	\$1,898.88 *

\* SCRLC has approved our use of the remaining \$501.12 for intern hours in the 2023-2024 cycle