

RBDB Final Report: Steele Memorial Library Digitization Grant

Dear SCRLC:

Thanks to the SCRLC RBDB grant, The Steele Memorial Library was able to digitize 36,739 pages of the Elmira Gazette through NNYLN. The pages are now hosted on NYS Historic Newspapers and are freely available to everyone. The pages were first posted in the second week of November 2017 where the pages were viewed 180 times. In December, there were 674 page views. January 2018 saw 769 page views. In February 2018, the pages were viewed 542 times.

These numbers are astronomically larger than the scores of views our researchers access via microfilm at the library, but still we see an opportunity for greater research. We believe that over time, as word gets out that these newspaper pages from Chemung County are out there, that researchers will use them even more for research.

The Steele Memorial Library is pleased to offer this increased access to people all over the world. We thank SCRLC for making this possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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