

April 30, 2019  
Ms. Julia Corrice, Digital Services Librarian  
South Central Regional Library Council  
Clinton Hall, 108 North Cayuga Street  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Dear Julia,

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 (SCRCL) for our mid-2018 Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing (RBDB) grant. Below is a summary of the project and final budget.

Project Summary:

Fenimore Art Museum's Newspaper Digitization Project for the mid-2018 season was completed in March of 2019. A total of 16,713 images were digitized across 12 different newspaper titles representing Chenango, Delaware, Yates, and Otsego Counties.

Goals & Outcomes:

Our major goal and outcome of this project has been to make remote access possible to a wide variety of 19th & early 20th century newspaper titles published in the South Central Regional Library Council region. We have successfully met this goal by contracting with the Northern New York Library Network to post all digitized images to New York State Historic Newspapers online.

Final Budget:

Mid-2018 RBDB	Projected	Actual
FAM	\$3,267	\$2,780.90
SCRCLC	\$3,101	\$2,506.95

Our contribution to project funding was estimated at 70 hours of internal labor related to metadata and microfilm shipment plus \$1,000 for high-resolution storage; at project completion, only 55 of the budgeted 70 hours was necessary. An over estimation of the number of images to be digitized led to an excess of funds totaling \$594.05. As approved via email with SCRCLC on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the excess amount will be reallocated to our 2019 newspaper digitization grant.

Final Conclusions:

This successful project greatly enhances our mission to connect scholars, genealogists, and the general public to the rich cultural heritage of New York State, and we are extremely grateful to have SCRCLC's continued support.

Sincerely,



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