

March 12, 2014

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
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Dear Mary-Carol,

The time has come to submit my final report from our RBDB award. Our project digitized local Endicott-area newspapers from 1915 through 1922. As I reported in December all of these years have been successfully digitized and are up and running via our library web site (www.gfjlibrary.org). The years 1858-1921 had been processed and posted earlier (the overlap in dates is due to the collection including runs of various newspaper titles).

As also noted in December we were able to attract a private grant to extend the collection through 1930. To this we added our collection of Endicott-Johnson Workers Review magazines and numerous other E-J Corp. publications. I expect these to be available to the public soon.

The next phase of our digitization project is already planned. We have received another private donation and have applied for a Community Foundation grant to extend the collection through June of 1940. We hope to eventually extend this through our target date of 1960.

Our project included incorporation of our digital archives into the New York Heritage site. We were able to accomplish this working with Matt Hogan and Kathleen Jackson of SCRLC, including historical photos which supplement and enrich the textual content of the newspapers. Our New York Heritage collection has been running for several months, and I hope to find time to expand the photos as time permits.

We do not have any way to determine the number of visits to our New York Heritage collection, but have established a Google Analytics account to track the traffic to our Digital Archives via our library web site. To date 49 unique visitors have made 72 visits to the collection and have looked at an average of twenty pages per visit. Traffic did increase this month. We will be advertising the digital collections in our spring newsletter which is delivered throughout the Town of Union, population 57,000.

Thank-you again for partnering with us, and helping extend these amazing resources to the world.

Sincerely,



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