

Rodman Public Library OHRAB Grant Interim Report

Level of Completion

Rodman Public Library's OHRAB grant project is well underway. The 37 microfilm reels of *The Alliance Review* published from 1905 to 1915 have been digitized by Backstage Library Works and stored on hard drives, one of which was sent to the Ohio History Connection within the past couple of weeks. This project resulted in the digitization of 39,938 pages of newspaper.

The Ohio History Connection has started to load the digitized newspapers onto Ohio Memory. This will give researchers full-text searching capability, both at the library during its hours of operation, and remotely 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

However, the Ohio History Connection is only able to commit to adding 2,500 pages worth of data to Ohio Memory for each institution. The Ohio History Connection anticipates that all of the digitized newspapers will be added to Ohio Memory by December 2021.

Supplies/Budget

The majority of the cost for this project was the digitization of the 37 microfilm reels by Backstage Library Works. The cost of the digitization was \$7,790.78, and this has been paid. In addition, three external hard drives had to be purchased. In addition, three 4TB external hard drives had to be purchased to ensure that multiple backups of the digitized newspaper were maintained. Initially, we had thought only 2TB drives were needed; however, 4TB drives were ultimately required. The total cost was \$292.47. Finally, to ship the microfilm reels to Backstage Library works was a total of \$45.57. This brings the total cost of the project to \$8,128.82, all of which has been paid.

Staff time for this project was limited to one staff spending two hours preparing the microfilm reels for shipment and finalizing the proposal with Backstage Library Works to perform the digitization.

Social Media/News Releases

Rodman Public Library announced the grant award and project details through a news release; however, our local newspaper did not feature this information. Once the data becomes available on Ohio Memory, we plan to do another press release to announce that the newspapers are going to be available to the public. Obviously, we will highlight the fact that this project was made possible through a grant from OHRAB.