



Lepper Public Library

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OHRAB Grant Program
c/o the Ohio History Connection State Archives
800 E. 17th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Final Report (for grant awarded July 6, 2016)

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Title of Project – Digitizing Local Newspapers from Microfilm
Amount Funded - \$1,875.00 Total Project - \$3,850.00
Summary:

This grant allowed the library to digitize rolls of microfilm that contain local newspapers, and make them available from our website.

We were able to digitize historic local newspapers from rolls of microfilm. With a total images count of 29,004. The newspaper titles and years covered include:

Ohio Patriot of New Lisbon – 6/16/1810 – 12/30/1919 – 15,207 Images
Western Palladium – 6/24/1836 – 8/26/1852 – 106 Images
Aurora of New Lisbon – 3/15/1838-6/10/1856 – 276 Images
Journal of New Lisbon – 4/3/1860 – 1/7/1933 – 226 Images
Buckeye State of New Lisbon – 1/28/1875 – 4/25/1901 – 10,327 Images
Buckeye State of Lisbon – 6/11/1914 – 11/2/1925 – 2,862 Images

The digitizing project went quite well. We were able to digitize all our remaining early microfilm as planned. The digitized images are now available on our website (www.lepperlibrary.org) under Digital Materials. The digitizing process was completed by the Advantage Companies of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

It became apparent that two rolls of microfilm were missing from our collection as we inventoried the reels for shipping. The Ohio Patriot of New Lisbon reels 5 and 6 in the run, that covered the dates 7/1854 - 3/1864. After some research we found that the Western Reserve Historical Society had the original microfilm. After much coaxing, they lent the film to the Advantage Companies, so we could obtain a copy of the microfilm for digitizing.

Time became a factor for us. When I submitted this project and received the grant, I thought we would be done with this project in about two months. I shipped the bulk of the microfilm to Advantage Companies on July 11, 2016. They completed scanning them very quickly and the film was back to us in early September. By the end of September Advantage had the new images online. Obtaining the two reels of missing microfilm, having them copied, scanned and online took us right to the deadline of mid-December. I was getting very concerned if we were going to be able to complete this project as stated.

The expenses for the project were very close to what was estimated. We had just the added expense of making the microfilm copies of the two missing reels and some extra wages for myself in trying to acquire them.

Thank you very much for the funds that has allowed us to complete this project. We have already heard many favorable comments from local historians. I am sure we will hear many more in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaiser". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Marcy Kaiser
Director
Lepper Library

List of Expenses**Library Funds****Grant Funds**

07/09/2016 – 2 hours sorting and inventorying microfilm	\$50.00	
07/10/2016 – 2 hours inventorying and packing up microfilm	\$50.00	
7/11/2016 – Shipping of Microfilm – Free		
7/14/2016 – 11/15/2016 – 4 hours researching, calling & emailing To obtain copies of the missing microfilm	\$100.00	
9/6/2016 – 1 st payment to Advantage Comp. for bulk of digitizing	\$1,650.00	\$1,875.00
12/20/2016 – 2 nd payment to Advantage Comp. for Film copy & Digitizing of 2 reels	\$280.00	
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Totals	\$2,130.00	\$1,875.00