



Year 2016 RBDB Member Project Grant Proposals Summary Descriptions (\$40,000 in RBDB available in member grant funding)

Background

RBDB is a formula funding program established by New York State in Chapter 917 of the Laws of 1990. If fully funded, the WNYLRC would receive \$229,967. The calendar year for the program runs January 1 – December 31. The 2015 RBDB member grant proposal budget was reviewed by RAC in July 2015. \$40,000 was budgeted for member grant proposals and \$800.00 for the Reading Team. Member proposals must satisfy one or more goals as stated in the *WNYLRC 5-Year Plan of Service* (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016) and meet annual Member Grant Guidelines as provided.

Funds for the Regional Bibliographic Data Bases and Interlibrary Resources Sharing Program may be used for a variety of purposes with the primary goal being the promotion of resource sharing throughout the region. RBDB is a state grant program provided to the NY 3Rs and whose regionally funded projects and activities are overseen by WNYLRC's Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). Projects funded under RBDB include WNYLRC regional programs such as Ask Us 24/7 and participation in New York Heritage as well as WNYLRC member projects that contribute to regional resource sharing, coordinated services, and professional development. Requested RBDB funding for all projects, including ongoing WNYLRC programs and initiatives and WNYLRC member grant projects, need to show how the project will enhance access to information within the region. All programs funded through RBDB must adhere to the WNYLRC Guiding Principles and regional purposes as stated in *WNYLRC's Strategic Plan of Service: July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016*. A copy of the complete plan is available on our web site at: <http://www.wnylrc.org> and includes the following goals and objectives that RBDB member grants may adhere to:

Element 1 - Resource Sharing

5. Other – Information Access

Goal: Improve or expand existing programs (i.e. WNYLRC's InfoPass program) or establish partnerships with member libraries and library systems, other 3R Councils, and/or with libraries and organizations outside our region to widen the access to collections and information through additional program initiatives.

Intended result: Borderless access to library collections in at least New York State.

Element 3 - Professional Development and Continuing Education

1. Members

Goal: Provide WNYLRC members and the wider Western New York library community with high-quality in-person and online training on a variety of topics that will contribute to both professional and personal growth.

Intended result: WNYLRC staff will work with WNYLRC to plan and host educational and topical training sessions for librarians, library assistants, staff from under-served libraries, and non-members in the Western New York area to increase knowledge and develop skills that will contribute to professional and personal growth. Topics may include current trends in the field, best practices, consumer health information, time management, preservation, e-books, emerging technologies, and other relevant areas of interest to our members.

Element 4 - Consulting and Development Services

2. Other: Research and Development

Goal: Explore, identify, and incubate innovative technologies, theories, methods, original research, and programs for library use that adhere to WNYLRC's established guiding principles.



Intended result: With assistance from WNYLRC Committees (i.e. Regional Advisory Committee) WNYLRC will provide a testing environment for new and relevant technologies, programs, and pilots for WNYLRC member libraries to improve outreach, workflows, or services to its own patrons and member libraries.

Element 5 - Coordinated Services

2. Digitization - New York Heritage

Goal: Continue to enhance the regional digitization program through which WNYLRC members are able to digitize collections documenting the rich history of the Western New York region and make the collections freely available online with collections from other NY 3Rs member libraries around New York State through the state-wide portal New York Heritage.

Intended result: WNYLRC members will reach a wider statewide audience by sharing digitized collections online and library users will be able to access collections from across New York State through one web site.

Development

The following process has been used to develop the WNYLRC proposal:

- Following the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) guidelines for RBDB applications, applications were made available to all WNYLRC member libraries and library systems between July and September and proposals received shortly thereafter. The RBDB Reading Team reads the proposals sometime in the fall. The Reading Team is comprised of individuals from outside our region who have experience with automation projects in other Councils.
- Once the RBDB Reading Team reviews the grant proposals, they forward their recommendations to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). RAC reviews the RBDB Reading Team recommendations and continues the approval process for funding. RAC then forwards their recommendations to the WNYLRC Board of Trustees for final approval. WNYLRC's Executive Director includes the grant proposal summaries in application for RBDB funding in May.

Member Grants Proposals

1. Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System – “Chautauqua County Historic Newspapers”

Requesting: \$17,635

Funded: \$10,000

(Goal 1 and 5)

Proposal to digitize newspapers on microfilm at Prendergast Library and Dunkirk Library. Titles include:

- Dunkirk Observer, 1909-1923
- Jamestown Journal, 1826-1881
- Jamestown Evening Journal, 1882-June 1943
- Jamestown Morning Post, January 1915 to April 20, 1929
- Jamestown Sun, April 28, 1949-June 1962
- The Post-Journal, June 1943-present

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project particularly since the Regional Advisory Committee put an emphasis on newspapers. However, due to the limited funds available, the RBDB Reading team agreed to partially fund the project at \$10,000. RAC proposed to fund this grant in the amount of \$10,000.

2. State University of New York at Fredonia, “Archives of the Holland Land Company Digitization Project”

Requesting: \$61,004

Funded: \$7,730

(Goal 1, 3 and 5)



Proposal to digitize the entire Daniel A. Reed Library microfilm holdings (202 reels) of the Archives of the Holland Land Company in order to provide access to records that complement the Holland Land Company maps already in NY Heritage.

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project particularly since the Holland Land Company maps are already digitized and included in NY Heritage. However, due to the limited funds available, the RBDB Reading team agreed to partially fund the project at \$10,000. RAC proposed to fund this grant in the amount submitted in the revised grant for \$7,730.

3. Marion H. Skidmore Library, Lily Dale Assembly, “The Sunflower Spiritualist Newspaper” digitization project
Requesting: \$7,640 **Funded: \$ 7,640**
(Goal 1 and 5)

Proposal to digitize a Spiritualist newspaper “The Sunflower” for the years 1900-1905 and 1906 to 1907.

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project particularly since the Regional Advisory Committee put an emphasis on newspapers. Since this is the first digitization project from this member, the RBDB Reading team and RAC has agreed to fund the project in full at \$7,640.

4. Museum of disABILITY History, “J.N. Adams Memorial Hospital: Digitization Project”
Requesting: \$4,330 **Funded: \$ 2,165**
(Goal 1 and 5)

Proposal to digitize magazines and postcards chronicling life within the J.N Adam Memorial Hospital including Grit-Grin published between 1928 and 1939 which was produced by Hospital residents and offers valuable insight into this isolated community – a hospital that operated as a tuberculosis sanitarium.

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project. Since this is the first digitization project from this member, the RBDB Reading team has agreed to fund the project in the amount indicated in the revised grant. However, the RBDB Reading Team expects the member will work very closely with the WNYLRC Digital Services Librarian to streamline processes. The per item cost is extremely high. It would behoove the Museum of disABILITY History to explore outsourcing digital projects. Quality vendors are listed on <http://www.wnylrc.org/new-york-heritage>.

5. University Libraries, University at Buffalo, “Digitization of Local Women’s History, Phase Three: Zonta International”
Requesting: \$6,680 **Funded: \$6,680**
(Goal 1 and 5)

Proposal to digitize 200 photographs, archival documents and ephemeral items documenting the important persons and events associated with the local Buffalo chapter of Zonta International and its distinguished history of service and advocacy for the empowerment of women.

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project particularly since it highlights women history. The grant will be funded at the amount requested.



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6. University Libraries, University at Buffalo, "Digitization of Polish American Pamphlet Collection"

Requesting: \$5,000

Funded: \$ 5,000

(Goal 1 and 5)

Proposal to digitize 100 paged booklets that document specific events at local cultural organizations, including churches, libraries, theaters and community centers. A majority of the materials are from the 1940s to the late 1970s.

The 2016 RBDB Reading Team felt it was a very worthwhile project particularly since this collection would complement an existing polish collection in NY Heritage. The grant will be funded in the amount requested.

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