

**Southeastern NY Library Resources Council
Digital Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2009**

Attending Members: Bob Clark; Laura Finkel; Tina Kiernan; Clifton Patrick; Laurie Shedrick; Susan Stessin-Cohn; Morgan Gwenwald; Helene Tieger; Jim Cosgrove; Chris Pryslopski;, Chair.

Attending SENLYRC Staff: Tessa Killian; Jennifer Palmentiero; John Shaloiko; Zack Spalding

Excused: Jerry Henry; Sally Pellegrini; Helen McClallen

Meeting commenced at 1:32 P.M.

Reports/Discussion:

- **Welcome and introductions....set meeting dates for year (12/3, 2/4 (2/5 snow date), 4/1)**
- **Updates and announcements concerning HRVH**
 - **New York State Funds for HRVH** – John updated the committee on available money for HRVH in the 2009/10 fiscal year. RBDB funds from state reduced from \$227,000 to \$205,000 - haven't received yet. \$15,000 for mini-grants; \$8,736 for HRVH projects; \$1,100 for map/atlas digitization (plus 2,500 from general funds); \$14,000 went to Planman for newspaper digitization; 3,366 for CDM annual license fee; 320 for marketing.
 - **HRVH Usage Statistics** – Tessa presented usage statistics for 2008-2009 including number of unique visitors and number of total visits.
 - **Sound & Story** - Jen showed what has been loaded into CDM to date. Committee discussed the value and importance of adding transcripts to oral history metadata records.
 - **Mini-grants** – Marlboro Free Library and the Hudson Area Association Library have completed their projects. Senate House and Maybrook RR Historical Society have almost finished scanning and metadata creation is underway. Both have uploaded items, but collections are still unpublished.
 - **CONTENTdm v. 5.1 upgrading plans** – Zack has an open ticket with OCLC support. Once they have fixed the bug SENLYRC will make plans to upgrade.
 - **NEH Proposal** - SENLYRC submitted a grant proposal to the NEH to digitize the Julia Lawrence Hasbrouck Collection from the Stone Ridge Library and make them available in HRVH.
 - **Hudson Valley Visual Arts Consortium** - The committee discussed the inclusion of the collections from the Hudson Valley Visual Arts Consortium in HRVH. (Dorsky Museum, Women's Studio Workshop, Center for Photography at

Woodstock, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, and the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum). The committee thought that some of the content may not be appropriate for HRVH. John suggested that SENYLRC host a separate server for their collections. The consortium would receive all of the benefits of membership (training, support, etc).

- **Digitization Basics workshop series** - Training is underway. There are approximately 15 people attending the series. A future meeting topic may include a discussion on charging for training.
- **Open Source user display option for CDM** - Zack showed an open source image viewer created for CONTENTdm. It allows for easier zooming and panning than the native CDM viewer. The committee approved the switch to the new viewer.
- **HRVH Historical Newspapers** - Zack demonstrated the user interface of the HRVH Historic Newspaper site including browsing and searching features (news.hrvh.org). It will be linked from the HRVH home page soon. The next step in the grant project is to test/evaluate its use at the Kingston Library. SENYLRC also needs to create a policy for including papers in the site.
- **Announcements from DAC:**
 - Bard College received grant funding to preserve and catalog their Hannah Arendt collection. They received permission to spend left over funds to purchase a new digital work station for Helene.
 - Chester Historical Society hosted a meeting of the Association of Public Historians in June. Tessa was a speaker at the meeting.
 - Hudson River Valley Institute had an intern upload items from their digital postcard collection. They were also contacted by the Mills Mansion historic site about HRVH digitizing a scrapbook and making it available via HRVH.
 - FDR site has finished phase 1 of their re-design and hope to have contractors onsite in March. The archives will be the first to move, 95% of the manuscript collection will stay onsite. Research will be conducted in the visitor's center. Bob also showed the committee the new website.
 - Jim (Marlboro Free Lib) announced that Emily Amadeo has started graduate school at SUNY Albany focusing on archives. MFL was also one of 8 Ulster County libraries to receive funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to increase their broadband access. A benefactor also recently left \$100,000 to the library that will be used for an expansion.
 - HHS is working on a colonial manuscript collection for HRVH. Susan is also working on the Erma DeWitt collection for the Elting Library.
 - DCC had an intern work on HRVH collections. New items were outsourced to HMI and will be uploaded soon. The archive is being renovated. The library now has iPods, Kindles, and Playaways ready for circulation.
 - Vassar College is loosing their rare books cataloger. The archives/special collections has applied for a Mellon grant to process the Archibald MacLeish papers, the Bennett family papers, and F. Scott Fitzgerald's daughter's papers.

Meeting Adjourned 4:02 P.M.