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**Southeastern NY Library Resources Council  
Digital Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 2, 2009**

**Attending Members:** Laura Finkel; Jerry Henry; Tina Kiernan; Clifton Patrick; Sally Pellegrini; Chris Pryslopski; Susan Stessin-Cohn; & Helene Tieger, Chair.

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

**Guests:** Kirsten Strigel (FDR Library), Katie Bellew (HHS)

**Excused:** Bob Clark; Laurie Shedrick; Jim Cosgrove; Morgan Gwenwald;

**Meeting commenced at 9:35 A.M.**

**Reports/Discussion:**

- **Updates and announcements concerning HRVH**
  - **New York State Funds to SENYLRC** – John updated the committee on the budget for 2009/10. Because of the proposed 8% reduction in state aid to libraries there will be no new funds allocated to HRVH mini-grants or HRVH Historical Newspapers. There is money that can be carried over to provide additional mini-grants and to continue digitizing atlases. Staff salaries and CDM licensing fees are budgeted for.
  - **HRVH Usage Statistics** – Tessa presented a spreadsheet with usage data that included stats of unique visitors, visits, hits, and items viewed. Zack explained the meaning of each category and demonstrated how HRVH contributors can view the stats for their collections.
  - **Sound & Story** - The deadline for completing the oral history survey has been extended in hopes of receiving more responses. A Voices of the Hudson Valley Advisory Group has been established and the first meeting is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Mini-grants** – Marlboro Fee Library has completed its grant project. Senate House has scanned aprx. 120 items. Metadata will be created in Excel and imported into CONTENTdm. The Maybrook Railroad Historical Society has begun scanning in-house and is considering outsourcing some material. Hudson Area Association Library has finished scanning.
  - **HRVH Historical Newspapers** – A specification document for the pilot project was developed based on the specifications for the National Library of Singapore's project. Hudson Microimaging is making duplicate microfilm and creating microfilm from approximately one year's worth of paper. SENYLRC will send film to vendor once it is ready (targeting end of April).
  - **University of Illinois: Digital Collections and Content Registry** – HRVH will be included in an online registry of digital collections developed by the U of I.

- **HRVH and Flickr** – Committee discussed the possibility of creating a group in Flickr for the public to share their images that document the history of the region. *Picturing Australia* has done this and the committee reviewed their process/documentation. It could also be a place for HRVH contributors to upload unidentified images in hopes that the public will supply information about them. A sub-committee was formed to explore this further: Jerry, Susan, Tina, Tessa, Jen, and Zack.
  
- **Announcements of personal projects by committee members:**
  - Chirs (Hudson River Valley Institute) reported that HRVI is republishing the book “The Mighty Hudson” at the request of Lucy Bowen.
  - Kirsten (FDR Library) reported that the FDR Presidential Library and Museum has received federal stimulus money to renovate their building. They are also in the process of developing a new web site.
  - Susan (Historic Huguenot Street) provided promotional materials for HHS’s upcoming conference/exhibit Before Hudson: 8,000 Years of Native American History and Culture. The exhibit opens April 24<sup>th</sup>; the conference is scheduled for May 1-2.

**Next Meeting date: May 14, 9:30 A.M.**  
**Meeting Adjourned 12:00 P.M.**