

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUDIT REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 & 1999

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Certified Public Accountants



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We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of the Rodman Public Library, Stark County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Rodman Public Library is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Petro", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

July 19, 2000

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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>APPOINTED OFFICIALS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>
Thomas P. Moushey	President	1/01/97 to 12/31/03
Thomas N. Harper	Vice-President	1/01/94 to 12/31/00
Esmond E. Fogle	Board Member	1/01/93 to 12/31/99
William F. Beaumont Replaced by Timothy W. McLeod	Board Member	1/01/97 to 03/28/99 3/28/99 to 12/31/04
Patricia C. Matthews	Board Member	1/01/96 to 12/31/02
John F. Peters Renewed	Board Member	1/01/92 to 12/31/98 1/01/99 to 12/31/05
Margeret K. Rodman	Board member	1/01/95 to 12/31/01

Statutory Legal Counsel :

Robert Horowitz
Stark County Prosecutor
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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE OR CONTRACT PERIOD</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Clerk-Treasurer:</u>			
Harriet Clem 215 E. Broadway Street Alliance, Ohio 44601	Organizational Meeting 1999 to Organizational Meeting 2000	(A)	\$ 25,000
<u>Deputy-Treasurer:</u>			
Marilyn Bower 215 E. Broadway Street Alliance, Ohio 44601	Organizational Meeting 1999 to Organizational Meeting 2000	(A)	\$ 25,000

(A) Insurance Company of North America

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INDEX OF FUNDS

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES:

General Fund Type:

General Fund

Capital Projects Fund Types:

**Permanent Improvement Fund
Building and Repair Fund**

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES:

Non-Expendable Trust Fund Type:

Endowment Fund

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S

Board of Library Trustees
Rodman Public Library
Alliance, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Rodman Public Library (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998 & 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Library prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of the State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash, investments and fund cash balances of the Library, as of December 31, 1998 & 1999, and the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund cash balances for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting referred to above.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 28, 2000 on our consideration of the Village's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Charles E. Harris & Associates
Charles E. Harris & Associates
June 28, 2000

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH, INVESTMENTS AND FUND
CASH BALANCES - All Fund Types
As of December 31, 1998 & 1999

	<u>1998</u> Balance	<u>1999</u> Balance
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 270,949	\$ 50,840
Investments	<u>1,570,799</u>	<u>2,212,084</u>
Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ <u>1,841,748</u>	\$ <u>2,262,924</u>

Cash Balances by Fund Class

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund	\$ 187,642	\$ 195,480
Capital Project Funds	<u>1,636,097</u>	<u>2,049,234</u>

Fiduciary Fund Type:

Non-Expendable Trust Fund	<u>18,009</u>	<u>18,210</u>
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Total (Memorandum Only)	\$ <u>1,841,748</u>	\$ <u>2,262,924</u>
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See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Total Memorandum Only</u>
Receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 1,826,340	-	\$ 1,826,340
Fines and Fees	41,113	-	41,113
Interest	90,314	-	90,314
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	10,295	-	10,295
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,630	-	6,630
Total Receipts	1,974,692	-	1,974,692
Expenditures:			
Personal Services	866,896	-	866,896
Supplies	58,149	-	58,149
Contractual Services	260,921	-	260,921
Materials	332,949	-	332,949
Capital Outlay	137,565	-	137,565
Miscellaneous	5,314	-	5,314
Total Expenditures	1,661,794	-	1,661,794
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Expenditures	312,898	-	312,898
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers-In	-	267,952	267,952
Operating Transfers-Out	(268,850)	-	(268,850)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(268,850)	267,952	(898)
Excess/Deficiency of Receipts and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	44,048	267,952	312,000
Fund Balance January 1, 1998	143,594	1,368,145	1,511,739
Fund Balance December 31, 1998	\$ 187,642	\$ 1,636,097	\$ 1,823,739

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Total Memorandum Only</u>
Receipts:			
Taxes	\$ 1,927,874	-	\$ 1,927,874
Fines and Fees	40,785	-	40,785
Interest	55,220	\$ 59,401	114,621
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	12,221	-	12,221
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,847	-	2,847
Total Receipts	2,038,947	59,401	2,098,348
Expenditures:			
Personal Services	965,653	-	965,653
Supplies	62,608	-	62,608
Contractual Services	210,182	-	210,182
Materials	308,850	-	308,850
Capital Outlay	124,060	-	124,060
Miscellaneous	5,876	-	5,876
Total Expenditures	1,677,229	-	1,677,229
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Expenditures	361,718	59,401	421,119
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers-In	-	353,736	353,736
Operating Transfers-Out	(353,880)	-	(353,880)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(353,880)	353,736	(144)
Excess/Deficiency of Receipts and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	7,838	413,137	420,975
Fund Balance January 1, 1999	187,642	1,636,097	1,823,739
Fund Balance December 31, 1999	\$ 195,480	\$ 2,049,234	\$ 2,244,714

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
Cash Balances - All Fiduciary Funds Types
For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 & 1999

<u>Non-Expendable Trust</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Operating Cash Receipts	-	\$ 838
Operating Cash Expenses	\$ (615)	(781)
Net Receipts Over Expenses	(615)	57
Non-Operating Receipts/Expenses Transfers-In	<u>898</u>	<u>144</u>
Total Non-Operating Receipts/ Expenses	<u>898</u>	<u>144</u>
Net Receipts and Non-Operating Receipts over Expenses	283	201
Fund Balance January 1,	<u>17,726</u>	<u>18,009</u>
Fund Balance December 31,	<u>\$ 18,009</u>	<u>\$ 18,210</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

RODMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 1998 & 1999

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Rodman Public Library is a school district library established for the purpose of providing normal library services to all inhabitants of the county and exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Rodman Public Library is a library district as defined by Section 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District operates under an appointed Board of Library Trustees (7 members) and is responsible for the day to day operations of the Library as well as the services rendered to the residents of the community.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the Library for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all agencies, departments and organizations making up the Rodman Public Library (the primary government) and its potential component units consistent with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity." There were no significant changes in the reporting entity related to the implementation of this statement for the current audit period.

The Library provides various services including maintaining branches, library stations, and traveling library services in any school district outside the subdivision. The operation of each of these activities is directly controlled by the board through the budgetary process. None of these services are provided by a legally separate organization; therefore, these operations are included in the primary government.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Library, as the primary government, is financially accountable. The Library is financially accountable for an organization if the Library appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and 1) the Library is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or 2) the Library is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; 3) the library is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Library is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the Library approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes.

Based on the above definitions, the Library has determined that there is no component units required to be included in the financial statements.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** - (continued)

C. **FUNDS REPORTED**

The Library maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions of each fund are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts, an accounting entity that stands separate from the activities reported in other funds. The restrictions associated with each class of funds are as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund: The general operating fund of the Library. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Funds: To account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Fiduciary Fund Types:

Non-Expendable Trust Fund: Used to account for assets held by the Library in a trustee capacity for another government, organization, or individuals subject to the terms of the contractual trust agreement.

D. **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursement basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when commitment is made (i.e. when an encumbrance is approved.)

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed by the Auditor of State.

E. **INVESTMENTS AND INACTIVE FUNDS**

Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Purchased investments are valued at cost and are neither charged when purchased nor credited at the time of redemption to their respective fund balances. Interest earned is recognized and recorded when received.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

F. BUDGETARY PROCESS

1. Budget

A budget of estimated cash receipts and disbursements is prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer, approved by the Board of Trustees, and submitted to the county auditor, as secretary of the county budget commission, by July 20 of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

2. Estimated Resources

The county auditor calculates the estimated revenues available to the Library. He prepares a certificate of estimated resources based upon this calculation and upon the other financial information supplied in the budget sent by the library. The certificate is approved by the County Budget Commission and sent to the Library Clerk-Treasurer by September 1.

Although not required, prior to December 31, the Library revises its budget so that the total budgeted expenditures from any fund during the ensuing year will not exceed the amount stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriation measure.

On or about January 1, the certificate is amended to include the actual unencumbered fund balances from the preceding year. The certificate may be further amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Clerk-Treasurer.

3. Appropriations

Although not required, a temporary appropriation measure to control cash disbursements may be passed on or about January 1 of each year for the period January 1 to March 31. An annual appropriation measure is passed by April 1 of each year for the period January 1 to December 31. The appropriation measure may be amended or supplemented during the year as new information becomes available. Appropriations should not exceed estimated resources.

4. Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and to determine. The sum of expenditures and encumbrances should not exceed appropriated totals at any level of budgetary control.

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1. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** - (continued)

F. **BUDGETARY PROCESS** - (continued)

4. **Encumbrances** - (continued)

Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Encumbered appropriations are carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year without being reappropriated. In the budgetary financial statements, encumbrances are added to budgetary expenditures.

2. **EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS**

The Library maintains a cash and investment pool. The balance of this pool is displayed on the "Combined Statement of Cash, Investments, and Fund Cash Balances - All Fund Types, As of December 31, 1998 & 1999."

Legal Requirements

Policies and Procedures: Monies held by the Library are classified by State Statute into three categories. "Active monies" means an amount of public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demand upon the Library treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Library treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

"Inactive deposits" are public deposits that the Library has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

"Interim deposits" are public deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS - (continued)

Interim monies may be invested in the following securities.

1. United State treasury notes, bills, bonds, or other obligations or security issued *by the United States treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States.*

2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including by not limited to, the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan bank, federal farm credit bank, federal home loan mortgage corporation, government national mortgage association, and student loan marketing association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuance of federal agencies or instrumentalities:

3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be market to market daily, *and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;*

4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio:

5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) and (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;

6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and

The Library may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

1. Bonds of the State of Ohio;

2. Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county township, or other political subdivision of the State of Ohio, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons; and

3. Obligations of the Library.

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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH INVESTMENTS - (continued)

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purchase of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Library, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the clerk-treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the clerk-treasurer.

Protection of the Library's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the Treasurer by the financial institution, or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined by GASB Statement No.3, "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements".

Deposits: At year end, the carrying amount of the Library's deposits were \$470,949 in 1998 and \$650,840 in 1999 and the bank balances were \$617,053 in 1998 and \$800,863 in 1999. Of the balance:

- 1. \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and**
- 2. \$517,053 of the 1998 balance and \$700,083 of the 1999 balance was uninsured, collateralized by U.S. Government Securities pooled by the depositories not in the Library's name. As with all deposits, there is risk of loss of assets, but management believes this collateral gives the Library its safest deposit of money.**

Investments: GASB Statement No.3 "Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements" requires that local governments disclose the carrying amounts and market value of investments classified by risk. Category 1 included investments that are insured or registered for which the securities are held in the counter party's trust department or agent in the Library's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments which are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Library's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the counter party or by its trust department but not in the Library's name. At December 31, 1998 & 1999 the Library's investments were as follows:

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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - (continued)

<u>1999</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$1,516,577	\$1,516,577
U.S. Treasury Bills	<u>95,507</u>	<u>95,507</u>
Total	<u>\$1,612,084</u>	<u>\$1,612,084</u>
<u>1998</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$1,181,111	\$1,181,111
U.S. Treasury Bills	<u>189,688</u>	<u>189,688</u>
Total	<u>\$1,370,799</u>	<u>\$1,370,799</u>

The classification of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements is based on criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 9 entitled "Reporting Cash flows of Proprietary and Non-Expendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities that use Proprietary Fund Accounting."

A reconciliation between the classifications of cash and cash equivalents and investments on the combined financial statements and classification of deposits and investments presented above per GASB Statement No. 3 is as follows:

	Cash and Cash Equivalents/Deposits	Investments
<u>1998</u>		
GASB Statement 9	\$ 270,949	\$1,570,799
Investments:		
Certificate of Deposit		
With a maturity of		
More than 90 days	<u>200,000</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>
GASB Statement 3	<u>\$ 470,949</u>	<u>\$1,370,799</u>
<u>1999</u>		
GASB Statement 9	\$ 50,840	\$2,212,084
Investments:		
Certificate of Deposit		
With a maturity of		
More than 90 days	<u>600,000</u>	<u>(600,000)</u>
GASB Statement 3	<u>\$650,840</u>	<u>\$1,612,084</u>

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3. State Tax

The State establishes a credit of five and seven-tenths percent of the Ohio income tax collected during the preceding month for the Library and local support fund for distribution. The county budget commission is empowered to allocate the proceeds to library boards on the basis of their needs.

The Rodman Public Library received state taxes as follows:

Columbiana County 1998 \$11,915 and 1999 \$13,083;
Mahoning County 1998 \$74,044 and 1999 \$79,878;
Stark County 1998 \$1,740,381 and 1999 \$1,834,914.

The tax money received from the three counties are allocated to the General Fund to meet current operating expenses.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related torts, theft of, damage to, destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. During the fiscal years 1998 & 1999, the Library contracted with one insurance company for coverage of building and contents.

The following is a list of insurance coverages of the Library and the deductibles associated with each:

<u>Types of Coverage</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Property	\$3,219,500	\$1,000
General Aggregate Limit	2,000,000	-0-
Product/Completed Operation	2,000,000	-0-
Personal & Advertising Injury	1,000,000	-0-
Fire Damage Limit	100,000	-0-
Medical Expense Limit	5,000	-0-

Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in the past years. Also, there have been no material reductions in coverage during the past years.

All employees of the Library are covered by a blanket bond, while certain individuals in the policy making roles are covered by a separate, higher limit bond coverage.

The Library pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative cost.

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5. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

The employees of the Library is covered by the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS), a cost sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. PERS provides basic retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustment, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. PERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by writing to the Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-4642.

Plan members are required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salary to fund pension obligations and the Library is required to contribute 9.35 percent. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Library required contributions to PERS for the years ended December 31, 1999, 1998, and 1997 were \$106,412, \$101,789, and \$87,641; respectively, which equals the required contributions for those years. The full amount has been contributed for 1998 and 1997. 92% has been contributed for 1999.

6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS) provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio Service credit and to primary survivor recipients of such retirees. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 12. A portion of each employer's contribution to PERS is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on the authority granted by State statute. The 1999 employer contribution rate was 13.55 percent of covered payroll for employees; 4.2 percent was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. OPEB are financed through employer contributions and investment earnings. The contributions allocated to retiree health and Medicare, along with investments income on allocated assets and periodic adjustments in health care provisions are expected to be sufficient to sustain the program indefinitely. During 1999, OPEB expenditures made by PERS were \$523,599,349. As of December 31, 1999, the unaudited estimated new assets available for future OPEB payments were \$9,870,285,641. At December 31, 1999, the total number of benefits recipients eligible for OPEB through PERS was 118,062. The Library's actual contribution for 1999 which was used to fund OPEB was \$32,984.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS/PENDING LITIGATION

Management believes there are no pending claims or lawsuits.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees
Rodman Public Library
Alliance, Ohio

We have audited the financial statements of the Rodman Public Library as of and for the years ended December 31, 1998 & 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2000. We have conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatements, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management in a separate letter dated June 28, 2000.

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of the Library in a separate letter dated June 28, 2000.

This report is intended for the information of the Auditor of State of Ohio, management, and members of the Board of Trustees. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Charles E. Harris

Charles E. Harris & Associates
June 28, 2000

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S CITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The prior period audit report, as of December 31, 1996 & 1997, did not include material citations or reportable conditions.



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 7, 2000