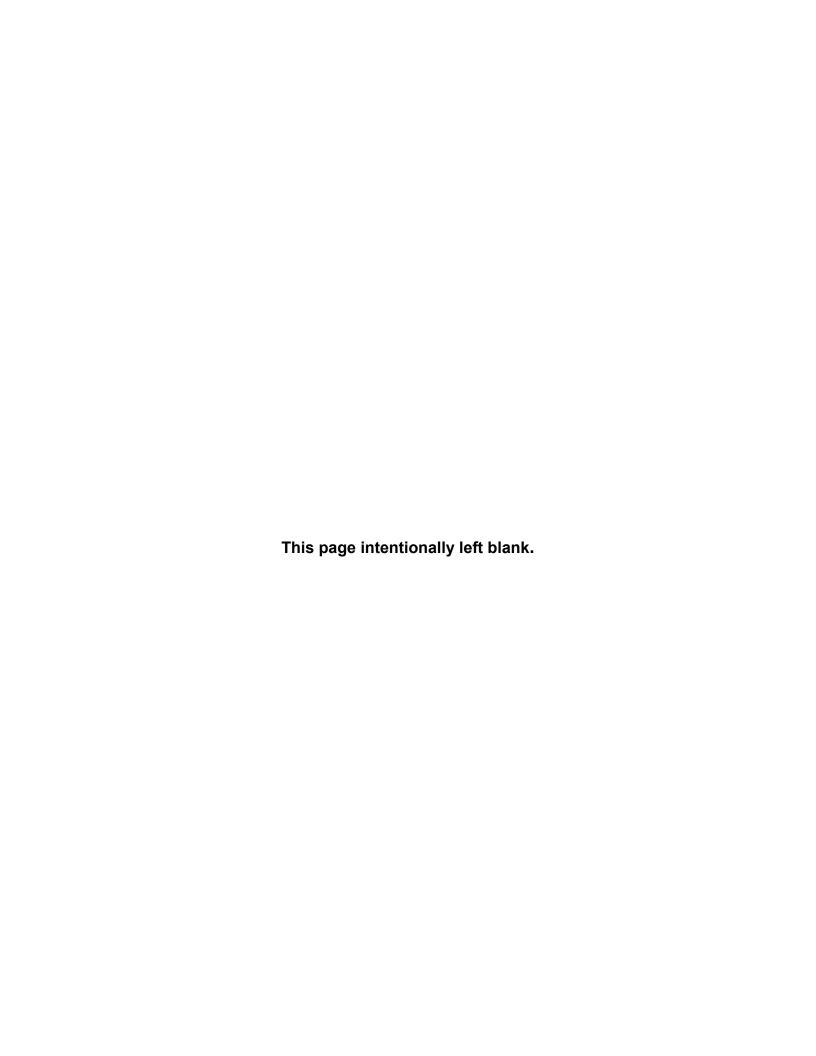




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Brown County Public Library Brown County PO Box 527 Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Brown County Public Library, Brown County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of 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 combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Library as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2003 on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, 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.

Betty Montgomery

Auditor of State

June 24, 2003

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	General
Cash Receipts: Other Government Grants-In-Aid Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Contributions, Gifts and Donations Miscellaneous Receipts	\$813,060 27,422 8,410 1,408 7,147
Total Cash Receipts	857,447
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries and Benefits Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Other Objects Capital Outlay	566,886 189,753 133,343 13,892 2,334
Total Cash Disbursements	906,208
Total Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(48,761)
Other Financing Receipts: Proceeds from Sales of Property Refund of Prior Year Expenditures Total Other Financing Receipts	146 18 164
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(48,597)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	505,084
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$456,487
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$10,162

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	\$862,649	\$0	\$862,649
Patron Fines and Fees	19,875		19,875
Earnings on Investments	29,141	=0.400	29,141
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,530	73,432	74,962
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,555		2,555
Total Cash Receipts	915,750	73,432	989,182
Cash Disbursements: Current:			
Salaries and Benefits	554,945		554,945
Supplies	40,618	3,489	44,107
Purchased and Contracted Services	240,458	372	240,830
Library Materials and Information Other Objects	331,294 155	14,685	345,979 155
Capital Outlay	59,525	73,183	132,708
Suprial Sullay	00,020	70,100	102,700
Total Cash Disbursements	1,226,995	91,729	1,318,724
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(311,245)	(18,297)	(329,542)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	816,329	18,297	834,626
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$505,084	\$0	\$505,084
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$27,921	\$0	\$27.921

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Brown County Public Library, Brown County, Ohio (the Library), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of Ohio. The Library is directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. Four members are appointed by the Brown County Commissioners and three members are appointed by the Common Pleas Judge. The Library provides the community with various educational and literary resources.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Library is financially accountable.

B. 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 disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively. The investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurers investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

D. Fund Accounting

The Library uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Library classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

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

2. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Library's significant capital project fund during the audit period was used to account for grant money received from the Gates Foundation. The money was used to buy several Gateway computers and equipment for each library site.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Budgetary expenditures, that is, disbursements and encumbrances, may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, and object level of control.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the basis of accounting the Library uses.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Library maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits (includes \$400 change fund)	\$45,054	(\$20,808)
Total deposits	45,054	(20,808)
STAR Ohio	411,433	459,009
Repurchase agreement		66,883
Total investments	411,433	525,892
Total deposits and investments	\$456,487	\$505,084

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The repurchase agreement sweeps monies overnight into a federally backed security held by the financial institution. (The repurchase agreement was effective from January 1, 2001 through April 2002. The Library moved the funds from the repurchase agreement into the regular checking account.)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation	Budgetary	_	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$1,054,657	\$916,370	\$138,287	
2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
2001 Budgeted	vs. Actual Budgetary	Basis Expenditur	es	
2001 Budgeted	vs. Actual Budgetary Appropriation	Basis Expenditur Budgetary	es	
2001 Budgeted Fund Type			variance	
	Appropriation	Budgetary		

\$1,703,608

\$1.346.645

4. GRANTS-IN-AID

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the State Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The LLGSF is allocated to each county based on the county's prior intangibles tax of LLGSF revenues, and its population. The County Budget Commission allocates these funds to the Library based on its needs such as for the construction of new library buildings, improvements, operation, maintenance, or other expenses. The Budget Commission cannot reduce its allocation of these funds to the Library based on any additional revenues the Library receives.

\$356.963

5. DEBT

In 1996, the Library received \$2,910,000 in proceeds of general obligation bonds issued by Brown County for the purpose of: obtaining and improving sites, constructing, renovating, and adding to its buildings; acquiring furnishings, technology, and opening collections for a public library within each school district within the Public Library District. These bonds are a general obligation of Brown County and will be retired through the year 2016 from the proceeds of a voted property tax levy. All related tax proceeds and debt payment activity are recorded on the Brown County financial statements.

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio (PERS) is a state operated, cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system. PERS provides retirement benefits to vested employees who are eligible to retire based upon years of service. PERS also provides survivor and disability benefits to vested employees.

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The Library's PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2002 and 2001. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Brown County Public Library District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Errors and omissions.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Brown County Public Library Brown County PO Box 527 Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Brown County Public Library, Brown County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the 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 misstatement, 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.

Internal Control 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 a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated June 24, 2003.

Brown County Public Library District Brown County Independent Accountants' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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June 24, 2003



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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 22, 2003