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MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY
WARREN COUNTY

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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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Betty Montgomery
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September 1, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mason Public Library
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mason Public Library, Warren County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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. The Library processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Library because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Library has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Library to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Library has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Library does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library as of December 31, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, 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 Mason Public Library, Warren County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Library to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Library has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 1, 2005, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

September 1, 2005

**MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY
WARREN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts:			
Library and Local Government Support	\$1,173,023	\$0	\$1,173,023
Patrons Fines and Fees	36,727	0	\$36,727
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	6,089	4,675	\$10,764
Earnings on Investments	9,553	16,607	\$26,160
Miscellaneous	8,107	0	\$8,107
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Total Cash Receipts	1,233,499	21,282	1,254,781
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries	530,000	0	530,000
Employee Fringe Benefits	174,780	0	174,780
Purchased and Contracted Services	132,416	0	132,416
Library Materials and Information	182,889	0	182,889
Supplies	25,520	0	25,520
Other	4,312	0	4,312
Capital Outlay	24,182	123,547	147,729
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Total Cash Disbursements	1,074,099	123,547	1,197,646
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Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	159,400	(102,265)	57,135
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Fund Cash Balance, January 1	735,030	1,145,817	1,880,847
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Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$894,430	\$1,043,552	\$1,937,982
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Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$217,326	\$94,456	\$311,782
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Library and Local Government Support	\$1,126,985	\$0	\$0	\$1,126,985
Patrons Fines and Fees	34,375	0	0	\$34,375
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	55,214	0	1,615	\$56,829
Earnings on Investments	8,178	0	12,338	\$20,516
Miscellaneous	5,592	0	0	\$5,592
Total Cash Receipts	1,230,344	0	13,953	1,244,297
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries	497,615	0	0	497,615
Employee Fringe Benefits	165,795	0	0	165,795
Purchased and Contracted Services	137,038	0	0	137,038
Library Materials and Information	195,315	0	0	195,315
Supplies	21,417	0	0	21,417
Other	2,441	0	0	2,441
Capital Outlay	34,367	0	186,174	220,541
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	0	40,000	0	40,000
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	0	3,600	0	3,600
Total Cash Disbursements	1,053,988	43,600	186,174	1,283,762
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	176,356	(43,600)	(172,221)	(39,465)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Sale of Fixed Assets	84	0	0	84
Transfers-In	3,750	0	0	3,750
Transfers-Out	0	(3,750)	0	(3,750)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	3,834	(3,750)	0	84
Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements And Other Financing Disbursements	180,190	(47,350)	(172,221)	(39,381)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	554,840	47,350	1,318,038	1,920,228
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$735,030	\$0	\$1,145,817	\$1,880,847
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$210,003	\$0	\$186,613	\$396,616

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

**MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Mason Public Library, Warren County, Ohio (the Library), as a body corporate and politic. The Mason City Council appoints a six-member Board of Trustees to govern the Library. 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This accounting basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis. The Library recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Library's accounting basis includes investments as assets. Accordingly, the Library does not record investment purchases as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. The Library records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Library values certificates of deposit at cost and common stock at market value. STAR Ohio is recorded at share values the mutual fund reports.

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 accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund accounts for resources the Library accumulates to pay bond and note indebtedness.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Library had the following significant capital project fund:

Building Project Fund - Used to record the related receipts and expenditures of the Library's building fund.

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 level of control.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Library records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave under the basis of accounting the Library uses.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2004	2003
Petty Cash	\$50	\$50
Demand deposits	199,620	171,426
Certificates of deposit	407,345	202,093
Total deposits	607,015	373,569
STAR Ohio	1,311,344	1,494,329
Common stock	19,623	12,949
Total investments	1,330,967	1,507,278
Total deposits and investments	\$1,937,982	\$1,880,847

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities existing in physical or book-entry form. Common stock exists in the physical form of stock certificates.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,555,061	\$1,291,425	\$263,636
Capital Projects	970,984	218,003	752,981
Total	\$2,526,045	\$1,509,428	\$1,016,617

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,383,677	\$1,263,991	\$119,686
Debt Service	43,600	47,350	(3,750)
Capital Projects	1,228,906	372,787	856,119
Total	\$2,656,183	\$1,684,128	\$972,055

4. GRANTS-IN-AID RECEIPTS

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the State Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The State allocates LLGSF 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 of any additional revenues the Library receives.

5. DEBT

The Library had no debt outstanding at December 31, 2004. The debt agreements paid off in 2003 were entered into in 1991 for the conveyance of land and improvements from the City of Mason to the Mason Public Library.

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. The Library's OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

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DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Franklin Public Library, Warren County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated July 20, 2005, wherein we noted the Library follows the accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Library uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Library because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Library's management dated September 1, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management, Board of Trustees, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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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

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OCTOBER 13, 2005**