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**EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

East Cleveland Public Library
Cuyahoga County
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the East Cleveland Public Library, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the Library), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Library, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Library on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Library's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Library's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 14, 2024, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 14, 2024

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EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 926,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 926,568
Public Library	1,812,211	-	-	1,812,211
Intergovernmental	116,247	-	-	116,247
Patron Fines and Fees	5,754	740	-	6,494
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	140,267	33,100	-	173,367
Earnings on Investments	101,250	-	-	101,250
Miscellaneous	27,233	-	-	27,233
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>3,129,530</u>	<u>33,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,163,370</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Library Services:				
Public Services and Programs	432,257	19,693	-	451,950
Collection Development and Processing	178,580	-	-	178,580
Support Services:				
Facilities Operation and Maintenance	659,876	4,842	-	664,718
Information Services	483,250	-	-	483,250
Business Administration	965,037	-	-	965,037
Capital Outlay	115,029	-	-	115,029
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>2,834,029</u>	<u>24,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,858,564</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>295,501</u>	<u>9,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>304,806</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Sale of Capital Assets	2,633	-	-	2,633
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>298,134</u>	<u>9,305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,439</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>\$ 1,606,627</u>	<u>\$ 18,363</u>	<u>\$ 76,727</u>	<u>\$ 1,701,717</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,904,761</u>	<u>\$ 27,668</u>	<u>\$ 76,727</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,156</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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East Cleveland Public Library
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The East Cleveland Public Library (the Library), Cuyahoga County, is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The East Cleveland School District Board of Trustees appoints a seven-member Board of Trustees to govern the Library. The Library provides the community with various educational and literary resources.

The Friends of the East Cleveland Public Library is a not-for-profit organization with a self-appointing Board. The Library is not financially accountable for the organization, nor does the Library approve the budget or the issuance of debt of the organization. Therefore, this organization has been excluded from the reporting entity of the Library.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Library’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types.

Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Library are presented below:

General Fund

The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Library for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Library had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Performing Arts Center Fund

The Performing Arts Center Fund is used to account for the revenues and expenses associated with activity specific to the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center.

Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Library had the following significant capital project fund:

Building and Repair Fund. The Building and Repair Fund is used to account for the acquisition, construction and repair of capital facilities.

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Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

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 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

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

Investment in STAR Ohio is measured at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximated fair value.

Capital Assets

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

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.

Leases and SBITAs

The Library is the lessee in various leases (as defined by GASB 87) related to copiers and office equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

The Library has entered into noncancelable Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) for several types of software including contracts related to financial systems and various other software. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

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Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Library must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable

The Library classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Library and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed

The Board of Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Library must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Library applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 9.

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type:	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 2,760,378	\$ 3,132,163	\$ 371,785
Special Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 33,840	\$ 33,840
Total	<u>\$ 2,760,378</u>	<u>\$ 3,166,003</u>	<u>\$ 405,625</u>

2023 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type:	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 2,967,027	\$ 2,840,748	\$ 126,279
Special Revenue	\$ 45,363	\$ 24,535	\$ 20,828
Total	<u>\$ 3,012,390</u>	<u>\$ 2,865,283</u>	<u>\$ 147,107</u>

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Library is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Library’s deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>
Cash Management Pool:	
Demand deposits	\$ <u>132,542</u>
Total Deposits	\$ <u>132,542</u>
STAR Ohio	\$ <u>1,876,614</u>
Total Investments	\$ <u>1,876,614</u>
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool	\$ <u>2,009,156</u>

The Library does not use a separate payroll clearing account. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect net payroll plus all remitted payroll withholdings. At December 31, 2023, the Library had no unremitted employee payroll withholdings.

Deposits

Deposits are collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book- entry form.

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Note 5 – Grants in Aid and Taxes

Grants in Aid

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocates PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State's general revenue fund during the preceding month using the statutory allocation method. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors. The actual current year entitlements were computed in December of the current year. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June of the subsequent year.

Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the Library is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as intergovernmental cash receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Library.

Note 6 – Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. 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 costs.

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The Library also provides health insurance to full-time employees through a private carrier. The Library's liability is limited to the premiums it pays.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Library employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

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The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 9 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Library cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 6,719

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 10 – Leases

The Library leases copy machines under non-cancellable leases. The Library disbursed \$32,917 to pay lease and maintenance costs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Amortization

Amortization of the above leases, is scheduled as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31:</u>	<u>Copier Lease</u>
2024	21,183
2025	18,696
2026	<u>14,022</u>
Total	<u>\$ 53,901</u>

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Note 11 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Library are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Library has a balance of \$7,421 of Coronavirus Relief Funds. The Library will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

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EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 899,189	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 899,189
Public Library	1,784,509	-	-	-	1,784,509
Intergovernmental	119,002	-	-	-	119,002
Patron Fines and Fees	5,143	-	-	-	5,143
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	44,803	-	-	-	44,803
Earnings on Investments	29,237	-	-	-	29,237
Miscellaneous	16,897	-	-	-	16,897
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>2,898,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,898,780</u>
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
Library Services:					
Public Services and Programs	454,376	5,350	-	-	459,726
Collection Development and Processing	178,526	-	-	-	178,526
Support Services:					
Facilities Operation and Maintenance	558,225	-	-	-	558,225
Information Services	422,730	-	-	-	422,730
Business Administration	827,001	-	-	-	827,001
Capital Outlay	157,125	-	-	-	157,125
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>2,597,983</u>	<u>5,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,603,333</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>300,797</u>	<u>(5,350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>295,447</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)					
Transfers In	8,465	-	-	-	8,465
Transfers Out	-	(4,673)	-	(3,792)	(8,465)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>8,465</u>	<u>(4,673)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,792)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>309,262</u>	<u>(10,023)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,792)</u>	<u>295,447</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>\$ 1,297,365</u>	<u>\$ 28,386</u>	<u>\$ 76,727</u>	<u>\$ 3,792</u>	<u>\$ 1,406,270</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,606,627</u>	<u>\$ 18,363</u>	<u>\$ 76,727</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,701,717</u>

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Special Revenue Funds

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The Flewellen Fund

The Flewellen Fund is used to account for the preservation and public display of the Icabod Flewellen collection.

Performing Arts Center Fund

The Performing Arts Center Fund is used to account for the revenues and expenses associated with activity specific to the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center.

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Building and Repair Fund. The Building and Repair Fund is used to account for the acquisition, construction and repair of capital facilities.

Permanent Funds

These funds account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs (for the benefit of the government or its citizenry). The only Permanent Fund is the Putnam Fund which is used to account for monies that were donated to the Library and are to be used for hospitality supplies.

Basis of Accounting

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Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Library must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable

The Library classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Library and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed

The Board of Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Library must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Library applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 9.

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2022 follows:

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type:	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 2,724,102	\$ 2,907,245	\$ 183,143
Total	<u>\$ 2,724,102</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,245</u>	<u>\$ 183,143</u>

2022 Budgeted vs Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type:	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 2,752,023	\$ 2,602,809	\$ 149,214
Special Revenue	\$ 25,763	\$ 10,023	\$ 15,740
Capital Project	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000
Permanent	\$ 3,792	\$ 3,792	\$ 0
Total	<u>\$ 2,801,578</u>	<u>\$ 2,616,624</u>	<u>\$ 184,954</u>

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

To improve cash management, cash received by the Library is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Library’s deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>
Cash Management Pool:	
Demand deposits	\$ 41,200
STAR Ohio	<u>1,660,517</u>
Total carrying amount of deposits and investments held in the Pool (tie to F/S)	<u>\$ 1,701,717</u>

Deposits

Deposits are collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all monies deposited in the financial institution.

Investments

Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book- entry form.

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Note 5 – Grants in Aid and Taxes

Grants in Aid

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocates PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State's general revenue fund during the preceding month using the statutory allocation method. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors. The actual current year entitlements were computed in December of the current year. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June of the subsequent year.

Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the Library is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as intergovernmental cash receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Library.

Note 6 – Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The Library also provides health insurance to full-time employees through a private carrier. The Library's liability is limited to the premiums it pays.

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Library employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

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Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

Note 9 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Library cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 4,826

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue and capital projects would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 10 – Leases

The Library leases copy machines under non-cancellable leases. The Library disbursed \$36,630 to pay lease and maintenance costs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Amortization

Amortization of the above leases, is scheduled as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31:</u>	<u>Copier Lease</u>
2023	\$ 21,183
2024	21,183
2025	18,696
2026	<u>14,022</u>
Total	<u>\$ 75,084</u>

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Note 11 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Library are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June, 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. During 2022, the Library received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Library. The impact on the Library's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated

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

East Cleveland Public Library
Cuyahoga County
14101 Euclid Avenue
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements of the East Cleveland Public Library, Cuyahoga County, (the Library) and have issued our report thereon dated October 14, 2024, wherein we noted the Library followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purposes of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Library's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

October 14, 2024

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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2021-001	Due to insufficient controls over the preparation and review of the Library's financial report, material errors were noted and were subsequently corrected in the final revised financial report by management:	Fully Corrected	Controls have been put in place to insure the review of the preparation of the Library's financial report.

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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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