

***MORLEY LIBRARY***

***LAKE COUNTY, OHIO***

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**







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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Morley Library, Lake County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. 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 Morley Library is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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Chief Deputy Auditor

September 18, 2025

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Morley Library  
Lake County  
184 Phelps Street  
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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 Morley Library, Lake County, Ohio (the Library), which comprise the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position, thereof for the years 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 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 June 20, 2025, 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.



*Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.*  
June 20, 2025

**MORLEY 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, 2024**

|  | General             | Special<br>Revenue  | Capital<br>Projects | Permanent         | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Cash Receipts</b>                                 |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Property and Other Local Taxes                       | \$ 1,122,629        | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -              | \$ 1,122,629                   |
| Public Library                                       | 1,704,239           | -                   | -                   | -                 | 1,704,239                      |
| Intergovernmental                                    | 147,938             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 147,938                        |
| Patron Fines and Fees                                | 14,146              | -                   | -                   | -                 | 14,146                         |
| Contributions, Gifts and Donations                   | 29,227              | -                   | -                   | 63,942            | 93,169                         |
| Earnings on Investments                              | 99,134              | 105,477             | 51,189              | 28,649            | 284,449                        |
| Miscellaneous  | 1,338               | -                   | -                   | -                 | 1,338                          |
| <i>Total Cash Receipts</i>                           | <u>3,118,651</u>    | <u>105,477</u>      | <u>51,189</u>       | <u>92,591</u>     | <u>3,367,908</u>               |
| <b>Cash Disbursements</b>                            |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Current:   |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Library Services:                                    |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Public Services and Programs                         | 1,250,183           | 1,088               | -                   | -                 | 1,251,271                      |
| Collection Development and Processing                | 644,331             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 644,331                        |
| Support Services:                                    |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Facilities Operation and Maintenance                 | 422,831             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 422,831                        |
| Information Services                                 | 102,062             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 102,062                        |
| Business Administration                              | 322,405             | 2,190               | -                   | -                 | 324,595                        |
| Capital Outlay                                       | 10,543              | -                   | 33,874              | -                 | 44,417                         |
| <i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>                      | <u>2,752,355</u>    | <u>3,278</u>        | <u>33,874</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>2,789,507</u>               |
| <i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i> | 366,296             | 102,199             | 17,315              | 92,591            | 578,401                        |
| <i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>                 | <u>3,427,275</u>    | <u>5,334,413</u>    | <u>3,427,849</u>    | <u>774,967</u>    | <u>12,964,504</u>              |
| <i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>               | <u>\$ 3,793,571</u> | <u>\$ 5,436,612</u> | <u>\$ 3,445,164</u> | <u>\$ 867,558</u> | <u>\$ 13,542,905</u>           |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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*Lake County*  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

Morley Library, Lake 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 Lake County Commissioners and Lake County Common Pleas Presiding Judge appoint a seven 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.

**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, which is organized on a fund type basis.

***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 Special Revenue Funds:

***Expendable Trust Fund*** This fund receives donations to be used at the Library's discretion.

***Special Projects Fund*** This fund consists of monies for Lake/Geauga League of Libraries activities and is also used to account for any grants (i.e., LSTA grants) the Library receives.

***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:

***Capital Fund*** This fund accounts for all activity related to capital improvements and expenditures associated with the Library's building and equipment.

***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 Library had the following significant Permanent Fund:

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***Endowment Fund*** This fund receives donations for which the Library is not allowed to expend the principal of the donation. The Library is permitted to spend the interest earned on the principal.

***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 (C). 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 (C) permit.

***Budgetary Process***

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

A summary of 2024 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.

The Library invests in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) which is valued 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 a NAV per share that approximates 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***

Library employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***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 balances include 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, 2024, follows:

| 2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts |                      |                    |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Fund Type                         | Budgeted<br>Receipts | Actual<br>Receipts | Variance  |
| General                           | \$ 3,036,178         | \$ 3,118,651       | \$ 82,473 |
| Special Revenue                   | 192,875              | 105,477            | (87,398)  |
| Capital Projects                  | 77,383               | 51,189             | (26,194)  |
| Permanent                         | 38,269               | 92,591             | 54,322    |

| 2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements |                            |                            |           |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Fund Type  | Appropriation<br>Authority | Budgetary<br>Disbursements | Variance  |
| General  | \$ 2,956,038               | \$ 2,881,074               | \$ 74,964 |
| Special Revenue  | 59,576                     | 3,328                      | 56,248    |
| Capital Projects                                       | 992,000                    | 33,874                     | 958,126   |
| Permanent  | -                          | -                          | -         |

**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 Library also has a segregated account, which includes a clearing account that is not part of this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Library's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
|                                | 2024         |
| Demand deposits                | \$ 2,580,947 |
| Certificates of deposit        | 5,784,573    |
| Total deposits                 | 8,365,520    |
| STAR Ohio                      | 1,316,343    |
| Federal and State Agency Bonds | 1,735,597    |
| US Treasury Notes and Bonds    | 2,125,445    |
| Total investments              | 5,177,385    |
| Total deposits and investments | \$13,542,905 |

The Library has a payroll clearing account that is held outside of the deposit pool where gross payroll is held for distribution. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect gross payroll. The balance in the Library's payroll clearing account represents unremitted employee payroll withholdings but has a zero balance at year end.

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**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

***Deposits***

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Library or 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 public monies deposited in the financial institution. The Library's financial institution participates in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System and was approved for a reduced floor of 50% in the uninsured and uncollateralized balance.

At December 31, 2024, \$3,432,760 of deposits were not insured or collateralized, contrary to Ohio law.

***Investments***

The Federal & State Agency Bonds and US Treasury Notes & Bonds are held by Fiserve Securities and PNC Capital Markets in book-entry form, in the name of the Library's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Library as owner of these securities.

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

**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 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the taxing district.

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

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**Note 6 – Risk Management**

***Worker’s 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;
- Errors and omissions; and
- Cyber Risk

Also, the library provides health, dental, and vision insurance to all employees scheduled a minimum of 30 hours per week. The Library also pays 90% of the cost to insure dependents of employees eligible for this healthcare plan. For employees hired after August 1, 2011, the Library pays 85% of the cost to insure the employee and any eligible dependents. The Library's liability for healthcare is limited to the premiums paid.

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The Library’s 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 healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants’ gross salaries for the year 2024. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

**Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. 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 expense such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, 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 2024, 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.



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**Note 9 – Fund Balances**

Included in fund balances are amounts the Library cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the Permanent Fund. 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 facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

| Fund Balances            | General    | Special<br>Revenue | Permanent  | Total     |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Nonspendable:            |            |                    |            |           |
| Corpus                   | \$ -       | \$ -               | \$ 595,138 | \$595,138 |
| Outstanding Encumbrances | 128,719    | 50                 | -          | 128,769   |
| Total                    | \$ 128,719 | \$ 50              | \$ 595,138 | \$723,907 |

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds is restricted, committed, or assigned. The fund balance of the Permanent Fund that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Permanent Funds include any outstanding encumbrances. In the General Fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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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, 2023**

|   | General             | Special<br>Revenue  | Capital<br>Projects | Permanent         | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Cash Receipts</b>                    |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Property and Other Local Taxes          | \$ 1,085,008        | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -              | \$ 1,085,008                   |
| Public Library                          | 1,760,699           | -                   | -                   | -                 | 1,760,699                      |
| Intergovernmental                       | 143,906             | 26,999              | -                   | -                 | 170,905                        |
| Patron Fines and Fees                   | 15,000              | -                   | -                   | -                 | 15,000                         |
| Contributions, Gifts and Donations      | 15,820              | 1,080               | -                   | -                 | 16,900                         |
| Earnings on Investments                 | 70,391              | 163,491             | 67,540              | 30,857            | 332,279                        |
| Miscellaneous                           | 639                 | -                   | -                   | -                 | 639                            |
| <i>Total Cash Receipts</i>              | <u>3,091,463</u>    | <u>191,570</u>      | <u>67,540</u>       | <u>30,857</u>     | <u>3,381,430</u>               |
| <b>Cash Disbursements</b>               |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Current:                                |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Library Services:                       |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Public Services and Programs            | 1,155,903           | 1,034               | -                   | -                 | 1,156,937                      |
| Collection Development and Processing   | 617,370             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 617,370                        |
| Support Services:                       |                     |                     |                     |                   |                                |
| Facilities Operation and Maintenance    | 477,017             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 477,017                        |
| Information Services                    | 100,948             | -                   | -                   | -                 | 100,948                        |
| Business Administration                 | 317,946             | 598                 | -                   | -                 | 318,544                        |
| Capital Outlay                          | 9,762               | 5,554               | 102,299             | -                 | 117,615                        |
| <i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>         | <u>2,678,946</u>    | <u>7,186</u>        | <u>102,299</u>      | <u>-</u>          | <u>2,788,431</u>               |
| <i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i> | 412,517             | 184,384             | (34,759)            | 30,857            | 592,999                        |
| <i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>    | <u>3,014,758</u>    | <u>5,150,029</u>    | <u>3,462,608</u>    | <u>744,110</u>    | <u>12,371,505</u>              |
| <i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>  | <u>\$ 3,427,275</u> | <u>\$ 5,334,413</u> | <u>\$ 3,427,849</u> | <u>\$ 774,967</u> | <u>\$ 12,964,504</u>           |

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**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, which is organized on a fund type basis.

***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 Special Revenue Funds:

***Expendable Trust Fund*** This fund receives donations to be used at the Library's discretion.

***Special Projects Fund*** This fund consists of monies for Lake/Geauga League of Libraries activities and is also used to account for any grants (i.e., LSTA grants) the Library receives.

***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 Projects Fund:

***Capital Fund*** This fund accounts for all activity related to capital improvements and expenditures associated with the Library's building and equipment.

***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 Library had the following significant Permanent Fund:

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***Endowment Fund*** This fund receives donations for which the Library is not allowed to expend the principal of the donation. The Library is permitted to spend the interest earned on the principal.

***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 (C). 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 (C) permit.

***Budgetary Process***

The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Budgetary expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function and object 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.

The Library invests in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) which is valued 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 a NAV per share that approximates 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.

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**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

***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 balances include 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<br>Receipts | Actual<br>Receipts | Variance   |
| General                           | \$ 2,905,878         | \$ 3,091,463       | \$ 185,585 |
| Special Revenue                   | 176,999              | 191,570            | 14,571     |
| Capital Projects                  | 50,000               | 67,540             | 17,540     |
| Permanent                         | 10,000               | 30,857             | 20,857     |

| 2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements |                            |                            |           |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Fund Type  | Appropriation<br>Authority | Budgetary<br>Disbursements | Variance  |
| General  | \$ 2,865,541               | \$ 2,784,840               | \$ 80,701 |
| Special Revenue  | 37,636                     | 7,186                      | 30,450    |
| Capital Projects                                       | 1,089,500                  | 136,173                    | 953,327   |
| Permanent  | -                          | -                          | -         |

**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 Library also has a segregated account, which includes a clearing account that is not part of this pool. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. A summary of the Library's deposit and investment accounts are as follows:

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
|                                | 2023         |
| Demand deposits                | \$ 1,067,292 |
| Certificates of deposit        | 2,089,000    |
| Total deposits                 | 3,156,292    |
| STAR Ohio                      | 469,085      |
| Federal and State Agency Bonds | 7,731,307    |
| US Treasury Notes and Bonds    | 1,607,820    |
| Total investments              | 9,808,212    |
| Total deposits and investments | \$12,964,504 |

The Library has a payroll clearing account that is held outside of the deposit pool where gross payroll is held for distribution. The expenditures included in the accompanying financial statements reflect gross payroll. The balance in the Library's payroll clearing account represents unremitted employee payroll withholdings but has a zero balance at year end.

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**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

***Deposits***

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Library or 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 public monies deposited in the financial institution. The Library's financial institution participates in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System and was approved for a reduced floor of 50% in the uninsured and uncollateralized balance.

At December 31, 2023, \$828,146 of deposits were not insured or collateralized, contrary to Ohio law.

***Investments***

The Federal & State Agency Bonds and US Treasury Notes & Bonds are held by Fiserve Securities and PNC Capital Markets in book-entry form, in the name of the Library's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Library as owner of these securities.

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

**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 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the taxing district.

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

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**Note 6 – Risk Management**

***Worker’s 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;
- Errors and omissions; and
- Cyber Risk

Also, the library provides health, dental, and vision insurance to all employees scheduled a minimum of 30 hours per week. The Library also pays 90% of the cost to insure dependents of employees eligible for this healthcare plan. For employees hired after August 1, 2011, the Library pays 85% of the cost to insure the employee and any eligible dependents. The Library's liability for healthcare is limited to the premiums paid.

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The Library’s 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 healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

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

**Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans. 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 expense 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.



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**Note 9 – Fund Balances**

Included in fund balances are amounts the Library cannot spend, including the unexpendable corpus of the Permanent Fund. 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 facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

| Fund Balances            | General    | Capital<br>Projects | Permanent  | Total      |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Nonspendable:            |            |                     |            |            |
| Corpus                   | \$ -       | \$ -                | \$ 531,196 | \$ 531,196 |
| Outstanding Encumbrances | 105,894    | 33,874              | -          | 139,768    |
| Total                    | \$ 105,894 | \$ 33,874           | \$ 531,196 | \$ 670,964 |

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds is restricted, committed, or assigned. The fund balance of the Permanent Fund that is not part of the nonspendable corpus is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Permanent Funds include any outstanding encumbrances. In the General Fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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

Morley Library  
Lake County  
184 Phelps Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

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 of Morley Library, Lake County, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 20, 2025, wherein we noted the Library followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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*.

However, we noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Library's management in a separate letter dated June 20, 2025.

***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.



*Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.*  
June 20, 2025

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**MORLEY LIBRARY**

**LAKE COUNTY**

## **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.



**Certified for Release 9/30/2025**

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