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MILAN-BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY ERIE COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library Erie County 19 East Church Street, P.O. Box 1550 Milan, Ohio 44846-1550

To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Library's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Library prepared these financial statements using 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), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

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Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Library does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above 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, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie County, Ohio as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2018, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

February 7, 2018

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Milan-Berlin Township Public Library

Erie County Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis) All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$339,224				\$339,224
Public Library	342,385				342,385
Intergovernmental	42,639				42,639
Patron Fines and Fees	11,948				11,948
Contributions, Gifts, and Donations	5,695	\$5,257			10,952
Earnings on Investments	2,305	28,001		\$292	30,598
Miscellaneous	1,875				1,875
Total Cash Receipts	746,071	33,258		292	779,621
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
Library Services	619,871	2,283	\$5,220		627,374
Support Services	15,199				15,199
Capital Outlay	6,779				6,779
Total Cash Disbursements	641,849	2,283	5,220		649,352
Net Changes in Fund Cash Balances	104,222	30,975	(5,220)	292	130,269
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	723,722	66,719	13,483	911,891	1,715,815
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable				828,029	828,029
Restricted		18,268		84,154	102,422
Committed		79,426	8,263		87,689
Assigned	26,812				26,812
Unassigned	801,132				801,132
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$827,944	\$97,694	\$8,263	\$912,183	\$1,846,084

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library (the Library), Erie County, Ohio 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 Edison Local School District Board of Education appoints 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.

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 capital projects. The Library had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Milan Memorial Fund This fund receives donations and contributions to be used for books, audio and visual materials, technology upgrades, and décor for the Library.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report financial resources that are committed 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 Projects Fund This fund receives excess tax revenues from the general fund to be used for construction and repair of the Library's two branch buildings.

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:

Gibbs-HBG Fund This fund accounts for and reports interest earned on the nonexpendable corpus from a trust agreement restricted for Library purposes.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. 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 Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. 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, function, and object level of control.

A summary of 2016 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 values money market mutual funds, equity securities, corporate and foreign bonds, U.S. treasury notes, and preferred equities and common stock at cost (or fair value when donated). The Library's 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 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.

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.

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*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Library Board or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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.

Note 3 - Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$717,317	\$746,071	\$28,754
Special Revenue	670	33,258	32,588
Permanent	69,027	292	(68,735)
Total	\$787,014	\$779,621	(\$7,393)

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Erie County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$745,187	\$668,659	\$76,528	
Special Revenue	69,558	2,283	67,275	
Capital Projects	13,035	5,330	7,705	
Permanent	90,000		90,000	
Total	\$917,780	\$676,272	\$241,508	

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

	2016
Demand deposits	\$137,568
Certificates of deposit	660,897
Total deposits	798,465
Cash and Cash Equivalents	9,475
Money Market Mutual Fund	16,691
STAR Ohio	215,963
Equity Securities	536,675
Corporate and Foreign Bonds	110,038
U.S. Teasury Notes	152,415
Preferred Equity Securities and Common Stock	6,362
Total investments	1,047,619
Total deposits and investments	\$1,846,084
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Deposits

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

Investments

A financial institution's trust department holds the Library's money market mutual fund, equity securities, corporate and foreign bonds, U.S. treasury notes, and preferred equity securities and common stock in book entry form in the Library's name.

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 homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback 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.

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.

Note 7 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

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. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016.

Note 8 - Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include 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 of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. OPERS contributes 2 percent of the employer contribution to fund these benefits.

Note 9 – 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.

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	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Permanent	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$336,500				\$336,500
Public Library	346,568				346,568
Intergovernmental	44,113				44,113
Patron Fines and Fees	12,776				12,776
Contributions, Gifts, and Donations	1,173	\$20,405			21,578
Earnings on Investments	4,764	28,480		\$21,142	54,386
Miscellaneous	1,092	1			1,093
Total Cash Receipts	746,986	48,886		21,142	817,014
Cash Disbursements					
Current:					
Library Services	675,671	12,117	\$10,196		697,984
Support Services	21,084				21,084
Capital Outlay	157,386	15,522		2,425	175,333
Total Cash Disbursements	854,141	27,639	10,196	2,425	894,401
Net Changes in Fund Cash Balances	(107,155)	21,247	(10,196)	18,717	(77,387)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	830,877	45,472	23,679	893,174	1,793,202
Fund Cash Balances, December 31					
Nonspendable				828,029	828,029
Restricted		15,294		83,862	99,156
Committed		51,425	13,483		64,908
Assigned	27,870				27,870
Unassigned	695,852				695,852
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$723,722	\$66,719	\$13,483	\$911,891	\$1,715,815

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Williams Fund This fund receives earnings on investments to be used for books, audio visual, periodicals and other circulation materials, technology upgrades, land acquisitions, architectural design, and construction costs to benefit the Milan Library.

Berlin-Milan Library Grant Wightman-Wieber Fund This fund receives grants from a community foundation to be used for computer services and information.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report financial resources that are committed or 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:

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Budgetary Process

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

A summary of 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

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Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Library Board or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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Note 3 - Budgetary Activity

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted	Budgeted Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$720,578	\$746,986	\$26,408
Special Revenue	47,700	48,886	1,186
Permanent	40,227	21,142	(19,085)
Total	\$808,505	\$817,014	\$8,509

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2015 follows:

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Erie County Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
	Appropriation	Budgetary		
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$910,837	\$882,010	\$28,827	
Special Revenue	45,600	28,765	16,835	
Capital Projects	18,000	10,371	7,629	
Permanent	90,000	2,425	87,575	
Total	\$1,064,437	\$923,571	\$140,866	

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

2015
\$259,460
419,362
678,822
16,691
214,812
536,675
110,038
152,415
6,362
1,036,993
\$1,715,815

Deposits

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

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Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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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*

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library Erie County 19 East Church Street, P.O. Box 1550 Milan, Ohio 44846-1550

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2018 wherein we noted the Library followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Library's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2016-001 to be a material weakness.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Library's Response to Finding

The Library's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the Library's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

February 7, 2018

MILAN-BERLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY ERIE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2016-001

Material Weakness - Financial Reporting

Sound financial reporting is the responsibility of the Fiscal Officer and the Board of Trustees and is essential to ensure the information provided to the readers of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements is complete and accurate.

We identified the following errors requiring adjustment to the financial statements and/or notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016:

- Special Revenue Fund Type beginning fund balance (\$901,251), earnings on investments receipts (\$292), ending fund balance (\$901,543), and related estimated receipts (\$69,000) and budgeted expenditures (\$90,000) were reclassified to the Permanent Fund Type in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54;
- Special Revenue Fund Type contributions, gifts, and donations receipts in the amount of \$3,600 were incorrectly classified as intergovernmental receipts;
- Special Revenue Fund Type restricted fund balance in the amount of \$79,426 was reclassified to committed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54;
- Special Revenue Fund Type budgeted expenditures were increased in the amount of \$35,628 in order to bring amounts reported in the notes to the financial statements in line with authorized budget amounts; and
- Capital Projects Fund restricted fund balance in the amount of \$8,263 was reclassified to committed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54.

We identified the following errors requiring adjustment to the financial statements and/or notes to the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015:

- Special Revenue Fund Type beginning fund balance (\$882,591), earnings on investments receipts (\$21,082), capital outlay disbursements (\$2,425), ending fund balance (\$901,251), and related estimated receipts (\$40,200) and budgeted expenditures (\$90,000) were reclassified to the Permanent Fund Type in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54;
- Special Revenue Fund Type contributions, gifts, and donations receipts in the amount of \$20,100 were incorrectly classified as intergovernmental receipts;
- Special Revenue Fund Type restricted fund balance in the amount of \$51,425 was reclassified to committed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54; and
- Capital Projects Fund restricted fund balance in the amount of \$13,483 was reclassified to committed in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54.

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FINDING NUMBER 2016-001 (CONTINUED)

These errors were not identified and corrected prior to the Library preparing its financial statements due to deficiencies in the Library's internal controls over financial statement monitoring. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to reflect these changes. Additional insignificant errors were also noted for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

To help ensure the Library's financial statements are complete and accurate, the Library should adopt policies and procedures, including a final review of the statements and notes to the financial statements by the Fiscal Officer and Board of Trustees, to identify and correct errors and omissions. The Fiscal Officer can refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 at the following web site address for information on Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54: http://www.ohioauditor.gov/publications/bulletins/2011/2011-004.pdf

Officials' Response:

The Board of Trustees and the Fiscal Officer will ensure proper classification and recording of financial activity in the future.



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

Susan Babbrtt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 22, 2018

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