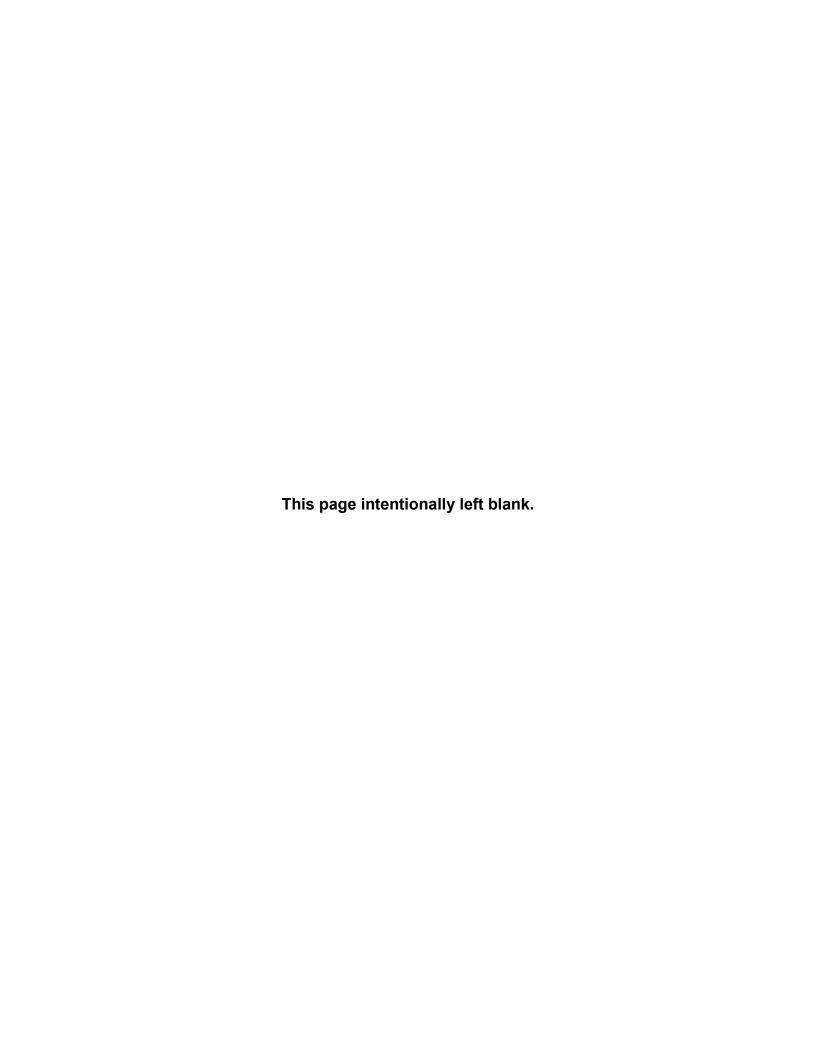




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Harris-Elmore Public Library Ottawa County 328 Toledo Street, P.O. Box 45 Elmore, Ohio 43416-0045

To the Board of Trustees:

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

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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August 29, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Harris-Elmore Public Library Ottawa County 328 Toledo Street, P.O. Box 45 Elmore, Ohio 43416-0045

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Harris-Elmore Public Library, Ottawa County, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

Revisions to GAAP would require the Library to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Library

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has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Library does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Harris-Elmore Public Library, Ottawa County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 29, 2005, on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audits.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Betty Montgomery

August 29, 2005

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

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	\$467,373			\$467,373
Patron Fines and Fees	14,406			14,406
Earnings on Investments Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,308	\$3,863	\$129 5,517	5,300 5,517
Total Cash Receipts	483,087	3,863	5,646	492,596
Cash Disbursements:				
Current: Salaries and Benefits	332,321			332,321
Purchased and Contracted Services	69,124			69,124
Library Materials and Information	71,705		803	72,508
Supplies	18,137			18,137
Other	19,328			19,328
Capital Outlay	1,651	10,496		12,147
Total Cash Disbursements	512,266	10,496	803	523,565
Total Cash Receipts Over/				
(Under) Cash Disbursements	(29,179)	(6,633)	4,843	(30,969)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Transfers-In	30,000			30,000
Transfers-Out		(30,000)		(30,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	30,000	(30,000)		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	821	(36,633)	4,843	(30,969)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	105,056	255,849	33,868	394,773
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$105,877	\$219,216	\$38,711	\$363,804
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$5,391			\$5,391

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

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

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	
	General	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Other Government Grants-In-Aid Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Contributions, Gifts and Donations	\$464,472 12,474 1,287	\$2,713 120	\$129 2,277	\$464,472 12,474 4,129 2,397
Total Cash Receipts	478,233	2,833	2,406	483,472
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries and Benefits Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Supplies Other Capital Outlay Total Cash Disbursements	315,494 73,205 68,280 21,463 11,519 2,847	1,200 40,339 41,539	863 370 	315,494 74,405 69,143 21,833 11,519 43,186
Total Cash Receipts Over/ (Under) Cash Disbursements	(14,575)	(38,706)	1,173	(52,108)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out Total Other Financing	30,000	(30,000)		30,000 (30,000)
Receipts/(Disbursements)	30,000	(30,000)		
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	15,425	(68,706)	1,173	(52,108)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	89,631	324,555	32,695	446,881
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$105,056	\$255,849	\$33,868	\$394,773
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$8,386			\$8,386

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Harris-Elmore Public Library, Ottawa County, (the Library) as a body corporate and politic. The Woodmore 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.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This accounting basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis. The Library recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

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

The Library values certificates of deposit at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

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

2. Capital Project Funds

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

<u>Building Fund</u> – The proceeds of this fund are used for major computer equipment purchases and the construction, maintenance and repair of Library buildings.

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

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

Trust funds account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Library to maintain the corpus of the trust, the Library classifies the activity as a nonexpendable trust fund. The Library classifies other trust funds as expendable. The Library classifies funds for which it acts in an agency capacity as agency funds. The Library had the following significant fiduciary funds:

<u>Memorial Fund</u> – This fund receives contributions, gifts, and donations to purchase library materials and equipment.

<u>Building Addition Gift Fund</u> – This fund receives contributions, gifts, and donations to furnish the Genoa branch addition.

E. Budgetary Process

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

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

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

G. Accumulated Leave

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

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	\$183,314	\$218,086
Cash on hand	40	40
Certificates of deposit	180,450	176,647
Total deposits	\$363,804	\$394,773

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by letter of credit by the financial institution to the Library; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$488,358	\$513,087	\$24,729
Capital Projects	24,500	3,863	(20,637)
Fiduciary	4,750	5,646	896
Total	\$517,608	\$522,596	\$4,988

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$593,414	\$517,657	\$75,757
Capital Projects	45,000	40,496	4,504
Fiduciary	8,500	803	7,697
Total	\$646,914	\$558,956	\$87,958

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted	Actual	
Receipts	Receipts	Variance
\$541,204	\$508,233	(\$32,971)
102,881	2,833	(100,048)
4,750	2,406	(2,344)
\$648,835	\$513,472	(\$135,363)
	Receipts \$541,204 102,881 4,750	Receipts Receipts \$541,204 \$508,233 102,881 2,833 4,750 2,406

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$630,834	\$501,194	\$129,640
Capital Projects	73,281	71,539	1,742
Fiduciary	8,500	1,233	7,267
Total	\$712,615	\$573,966	\$138,649

4. GRANTS-IN-AID AND TAX RECEIPTS

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the State Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The State allocates LLGSF to each county based on the county's prior intangibles tax of LLGSF revenues, and its population. The County Budget Commission allocates these funds to the Library based on its needs such as for the construction of new library buildings,

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

improvements, operation, maintenance, or other expenses. The Budget Commission cannot reduce its allocation of these funds to the Library based on of any additional revenues the Library receives.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Harris-Elmore Public Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles:
- Employers Liability Insurance;
- Inland Marine; and
- Umbrella coverage



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

Harris-Elmore Public Library Ottawa County 328 Toledo Street, P.O. Box 45 Elmore, Ohio 43416-0045

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Harris-Elmore Public Library, Ottawa County, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated August 29, 2005, wherein we noted the Library follows the accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Library's management dated August 29, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits 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*.

Harris-Elmore Public Library Ottawa County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Butty Montgomery

August 29, 2005



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 29, 2005