



**AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LORAIN COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 & 2004**



**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**



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To the Board of Trustees:

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

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

June 27, 2006

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## Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Amherst Public Library  
Lorain County  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Amherst Public Library, Lorain County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

Revisions to GAAP would require the Library to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2005 and 2004, the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2005 and 2004. While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Library has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Library does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 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, 2005 and 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 of the Amherst Public Library, Lorain County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, 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, 2005 and 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 June 27, 2006, on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

June 27, 2006



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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$333,689	\$0	\$0	\$333,689
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	745,391			745,391
Patron Fines and Fees	30,488			30,488
Earnings on Investments	10,746	28,354	18,292	57,392
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	994		6,845	7,839
Miscellaneous Receipts	8,025			8,025
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>1,129,333</b>	<b>28,354</b>	<b>25,137</b>	<b>1,182,824</b>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	560,646			560,646
Purchased and Contracted Services	155,240			155,240
Library Materials and Information	185,782			185,782
Supplies	24,332			24,332
Other	8,699			8,699
Capital Outlay	23,189			23,189
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>957,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>957,888</b>
<b>Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>171,445</b>	<b>28,354</b>	<b>25,137</b>	<b>224,936</b>
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>				
Transfers-In		100,000	100,000	200,000
Transfers-Out	(200,000)			(200,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)</b>	<b>(200,000)</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(28,555)	128,354	125,137	224,936
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	247,562	910,287	582,833	1,740,682
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$219,007</b>	<b>\$1,038,641</b>	<b>\$707,970</b>	<b>\$1,965,618</b>

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

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$323,345	\$0	\$0	\$323,345
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	739,735			739,735
Patron Fines and Fees	27,619			27,619
Earnings on Investments	4,434	10,238	6,039	20,711
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,394		5,115	6,509
Miscellaneous Receipts	4,324			4,324
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Total Cash Receipts	1,100,851	10,238	11,154	1,122,243
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	510,189			510,189
Purchased and Contracted Services	166,977			166,977
Library Materials and Information	167,978			167,978
Supplies	26,760			26,760
Other	2,936			2,936
Capital Outlay	37,946			37,946
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Total Cash Disbursements	912,786	0	0	912,786
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	188,065	10,238	11,154	209,457
<b>Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):</b>				
Transfers-In		100,000	100,000	200,000
Transfers-Out	(200,000)			(200,000)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(200,000)	100,000	100,000	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	(11,935)	110,238	111,154	209,457
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	259,497	800,049	471,679	1,531,225
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<hr/> <b>\$247,562</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$910,287</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$582,833</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$1,740,682</b> <hr/>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Amherst Public Library, Lorain County, (The Library) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of Ohio. The Library is directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by Amherst Exempted Village Board of Education. 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.

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

**C. Cash and Investments**

Investments are included in fund cash balances. 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 investment in STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) is valued at amounts reported by the State Treasurer.

**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 Projects Fund**

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:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Capital Projects Fund (Continued)**

Building and Repair Fund – used for the purpose of repairing, improving, furnishing and equipping the existing Amherst Public Library.

**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 had the following significant Expendable Trust Fund

Endowment Fund – used to account for funds restricted by donors and also funds restricted by Board Resolution.

**E. Budgetary Process**

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

A summary of 2005 and 2004 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.

**H. Total Columns**

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned “(Memorandum Only)” to indicate that they are presented to facilitate financial analysis. Such data is not comparable to a consolidation.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$22,750	\$40,232
Petty cash and change cash	125	100
Total deposits	22,875	40,332
STAR Ohio	1,942,743	1,700,350
Total investments	1,942,743	1,700,350
Total deposits and investments	\$1,965,618	\$1,740,682

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Library.

**Investments:** Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities existing in physical or book-entry form.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 as follows:

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,373,882	\$1,157,888	\$215,994
Capital Projects	50,000	0	50,000
Fiduciary	0	0	0
Total	\$1,423,882	\$1,157,888	\$265,994

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,336,668	\$1,112,786	\$223,882
Capital Projects	50,000	0	50,000
Fiduciary	0	0	0
Total	\$1,386,668	\$1,112,786	\$273,882

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**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, improvements, operation, maintenance, or other expenses. The Budget Commission cannot reduce its allocation of these funds to the Library based on any additional revenues the Library receives. These revenues are reflected in the financial statements as Other Government Grants-In-Aid.

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 Board 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 Other Governments' Grants In Aid. 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.

Property owners assess tangible personal property tax. These owners must file a list of tangible property to the County by each April 30.

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

**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 from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2005.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Amherst Public Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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**6. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

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

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

Amherst Public Library  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Amherst Public Library, Lorain County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2006, wherein we noted the Library followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order 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 June 27, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

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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.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

June 27, 2006



**Auditor of State  
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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JULY 13, 2006**