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**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Briggs Lawrence County Public Library
Lawrence County
321 South Fourth Street
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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 the Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, Lawrence 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 1 of the 2015 financial statements and Note 2 of the 2016 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.

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 the Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, Lawrence County 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 1 of the 2015 financial statements and Note 2 of the 2016 financial statements..

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2017, 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

November 27, 2017

**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE 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 | Capital Projects | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Public Library | \$1,933,741 | | \$1,933,741 |
| Patron Fines and Fees | 35,045 | | 35,045 |
| Contributions, Gifts and Donations | 1,092 | | 1,092 |
| Earnings on Investments | 272 | 339 | 611 |
| Miscellaneous | 28,901 | | 28,901 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 1,999,051 | 339 | 1,999,390 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Library Services: | | | |
| Public Service and Programs | 1,443,233 | | 1,443,233 |
| Collection Development and Processing | 171,047 | | 171,047 |
| Support Services: | | | |
| Facilities Operation and Maintenance | 194,452 | | 194,452 |
| Information Services | 37,676 | | 37,676 |
| Business Administration | 94,202 | | 94,202 |
| Capital Outlay | 20,500 | | 20,500 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 1,961,110 | 0 | 1,961,110 |
| Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | 37,941 | 339 | 38,280 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 570,371 | 218,606 | 788,977 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | | | |
| Assigned | 85,419 | 218,945 | 304,364 |
| Unassigned | 522,893 | | 522,893 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$608,312 | \$218,945 | \$827,257 |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Briggs Lawrence County Public Library

Lawrence County

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The Briggs Lawrence County Library (the Library), Lawrence 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 Lawrence County Common Pleas Court appoints a 7-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.

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.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

Briggs Lawrence County Public Library
Lawrence County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016
(Continued)

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 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.

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.

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Lawrence County
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2016
(Continued)

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 ending December 31, 2016 follows:

| 2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Fund Type | Budgeted Receipts | Actual Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$1,990,627 | \$1,999,051 | \$8,424 |
| Capital Projects | 225 | 339 | 114 |
| Total | \$1,990,852 | \$1,999,390 | \$8,538 |

| 2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Fund Type | Appropriation Authority | Budgetary Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$2,413,449 | \$1,961,110 | \$452,339 |
| Capital Projects | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | \$2,413,449 | \$1,961,110 | \$452,339 |

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 | \$395,595 |
| Certificates of deposit | 431,662 |
| Total deposits | 827,257 |
| Total investments | 0 |
| Total deposits and investments | \$827,257 |

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2016
(Continued)

Deposits

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

Note 5 – Grants in Aid

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.

Note 6 - Risk Management

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 (if material).

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 Plans

| <i>Retirement Rates</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>Member Rate</i> | <i>Employer Rate</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <i>PERS – Local</i> | <i>2012 - 2016</i> | <i>10%</i> | <i>14%</i> |

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.

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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 – Subsequent Events

The Library sold the Administrative Office building to the City of Ironton Municipal Court in July 2017 for \$150,000.

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**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

| | General | Capital Projects | Totals (Memorandum Only) |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Cash Receipts: | | | |
| Public Library | \$1,952,693 | | \$1,952,693 |
| Patron Fines and Fees | 38,745 | | 38,745 |
| Contributions, Gifts, and Donations | 474 | 4,806 | 5,280 |
| Earnings on Investments | 272 | 140 | 412 |
| Miscellaneous | 17,443 | | 17,443 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 2,009,627 | 4,946 | 2,014,573 |
| Cash Disbursements: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| Library Services: | | | |
| Public Service and Programs | 1,460,175 | | 1,460,175 |
| Collection Development and Processing | 130,330 | | 130,330 |
| Support Services: | | | |
| Facilities Operation and Maintenance | 154,313 | | 154,313 |
| Information Services | 28,130 | | 28,130 |
| Business Administration | 95,558 | | 95,558 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 1,868,506 | 0 | 1,868,506 |
| Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements | 141,121 | 4,946 | 146,067 |
| Other Financing Cash Receipts / Cash (Disbursements): | | | |
| Transfers-In | | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| Transfers-Out | (37,000) | | (37,000) |
| Total Other Financing Cash Receipts / Cash (Disbursements) | (37,000) | 37,000 | 0 |
| Net Change in Fund Cash Balances | 104,121 | 41,946 | 146,067 |
| Fund Cash Balances, January 1 | 466,250 | 176,660 | 642,910 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | | | |
| Assigned | 78,286 | 218,606 | 296,892 |
| Unassigned | 492,085 | | 492,085 |
| Fund Cash Balances, December 31 | \$570,371 | \$218,606 | \$788,977 |

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

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**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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 Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, Lawrence County, (the Library) as a body corporate and politic. The Lawrence County Common Pleas Court appoints a 7-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. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

C. 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.

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 and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. 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.

**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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:

1. Nonspendable

The Library classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. 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.

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Library must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend 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.

4. 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 Library Trustees or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. 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.

**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

G. 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.

H. 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 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 |
| Demand deposits | \$357,886 |
| Certificates of deposit | 431,091 |
| Total deposits | 788,977 |
| Total investments | 0 |
| Total deposits and investments | \$788,977 |

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

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

| 2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Fund Type | Budgeted Receipts | Actual Receipts | Variance |
| General | \$1,944,491 | \$2,009,627 | \$65,136 |
| Capital Projects | 225 | 4,946 | 4,721 |
| Total | \$1,944,716 | \$2,014,573 | \$69,857 |

**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

| 2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures | | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Fund Type | Appropriation Authority | Budgetary Expenditures | Variance |
| General | \$2,362,516 | \$1,905,506 | \$457,010 |
| Capital Projects | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | \$2,362,516 | \$1,905,506 | \$457,010 |

4. GRANTS-IN-AID AND TAX RECEIPTS

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. This method of distribution is called the "percentage of revenue" method. This method was not used for August 2011 through June 2013. During that 23 month period PLF received a designated percentage of the dollar amounts received by the fund during the corresponding month of the fiscal year 2011 "base-year" period. Effective July 2013 the statutory allocation method reverted to the "percentage of revenue" method for PLF distribution. The fund received an amount equal to a specified percentage of the amount of GRF tax revenue received during the previous month. Beginning with the July 2013 distribution the "statutory allocation method" was implemented. The calendar year 2013 entitlements were used in the computation as the basis of each county's allocation percentage. Those percentages were used through December 2013. In December 2013 the actual calendar year entitlement was computed. Any difference was adjusted evenly to the PLF distributions from January-June 2014. In calendar year 2014 the statutory entitlement computation method continued. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors in July 2013, December 2013 and June 2014. The actual 2014 entitlements will be computed in December 2014. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June 2015.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

| <i>Retirement Rates</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>Member Rate</i> | <i>Employer Rate</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <i>PERS – Local</i> | <i>2008 - 2015</i> | <i>10%</i> | <i>14%</i> |

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. For 2015, 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, 2015.

**BRIGGS LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015
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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.

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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*

Briggs Lawrence County Public Library
Lawrence County
321 South Fourth Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638

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 the Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, Lawrence County, (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 November 27, 2017 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 opinion 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. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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*.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

November 27, 2017



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BRIGGS-LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

LAWRENCE COUNTY

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
DECEMBER 14, 2017**