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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Norwalk Public Library
Huron County
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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 Norwalk Public Library, Huron County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

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.

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, 2019 and 2018, 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 Norwalk Public Library, Huron County, Ohio as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Library. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 18, 2020, 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.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 18, 2020

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Norwalk Public Library
Huron County
Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements,
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$153,325		\$153,325
Public Library	644,184		644,184
Intergovernmental	21,260		21,260
Patron Fines and Fees	12,365		12,365
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	13,374	\$28,300	41,674
Earnings on Investments	18,169	10,688	28,857
Miscellaneous	36,777		36,777
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>899,454</u>	<u>38,988</u>	<u>938,442</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Library Services	748,825		748,825
Capital Outlay	5,381	58,882	64,263
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>754,206</u>	<u>58,882</u>	<u>813,088</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>145,248</u>	<u>(19,894)</u>	<u>125,354</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfers In		5,503	5,503
Transfers Out	(5,503)		(5,503)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(5,503)</u>	<u>5,503</u>	
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	139,745	(14,391)	125,354
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>669,608</u>	<u>370,902</u>	<u>1,040,510</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Committed		356,511	356,511
Assigned	356,728		356,728
Unassigned	452,625		452,625
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$809,353</u>	<u>\$356,511</u>	<u>\$1,165,864</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Norwalk Public Library
Huron County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Norwalk Public Library (the Library), Huron 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 Norwalk City 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 which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Library are presented below:

General Fund The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the Library for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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:

Major Repair Fund The Major Repair Fund receives operating transfers from the General Fund and contributions, gifts, and donations. The receipts are being used to provide funding for carpeting, roofing, or other major repairs.

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.

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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 2019 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 U.S. Savings bonds 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.

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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.

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, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$878,873	\$899,454	\$20,581
Capital Projects	44,500	44,491	(9)
Total	\$923,373	\$943,945	\$20,572

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,243,017	\$773,039	\$469,978
Capital Projects	415,402	85,798	329,604
Total	\$1,658,419	\$858,837	\$799,582

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The Library maintains a deposits 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:

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	2019
Demand deposits	\$167,890
Certificates of deposit	100,000
STAR Plus	368,725
Other time deposits (savings accounts)	306,218
Total deposits	942,833
U.S. Savings Bonds	500
STAR Ohio	211,883
Common stock	10,648
Total investments	223,031
Total deposits and investments	\$1,165,864

Deposits

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution

Investments

The common stock and U.S. savings bonds are evidenced by securities that exist in physical form in the Library's possession. These securities were bequeathed to the Library and the Library has neither purchased, nor sold the securities.

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

Note 5 – Grants in Aid and Taxes

Grants in Aid

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocates PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State's general revenue fund during the preceding month using the statutory allocation method. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors. The actual current year entitlements were computed in December of the current year. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June of the subsequent year.

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Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the Library is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as intergovernmental cash 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

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The Library pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

Commercial Insurance

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Commercial umbrella excess liability;
- Employers liability defense expense;
- Commercial articles;
- Electronic data processing equipment;
- Valuable papers; 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 health care and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

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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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Member Directed Plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

Note 9 – Subsequent Event

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Library. The impact on the Library's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

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Cash Receipts			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$151,734		\$151,734
Public Library	618,374		618,374
Intergovernmental	21,801		21,801
Patron Fines and Fees	14,919		14,919
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	60,069	\$20,600	80,669
Earnings on Investments	12,595	9,745	22,340
Miscellaneous	36,514		36,514
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>916,006</u>	<u>30,345</u>	<u>946,351</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Library Services	815,119	247	815,366
Capital Outlay	14,727	16,893	31,620
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>829,846</u>	<u>17,140</u>	<u>846,986</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	86,160	13,205	99,365
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>583,448</u>	<u>357,697</u>	<u>941,145</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Committed		370,902	370,902
Assigned	364,144		364,144
Unassigned	305,464		305,464
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$669,608</u>	<u>\$370,902</u>	<u>\$1,040,510</u>

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Budgetary Process

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A summary of 2018 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$856,228	\$916,006	\$59,778
Capital Projects	23,100	30,345	7,245
Total	\$879,328	\$946,351	\$67,023

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,193,487	\$840,864	\$352,623
Capital Projects	380,798	17,140	363,658
Total	\$1,574,285	\$858,004	\$716,281

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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	2018
Demand deposits	\$160,590
Certificates of deposit	100,702
STAR Plus	256,262
Other time deposits (savings accounts)	304,788
Total deposits	822,342
U.S. Savings Bonds	500
STAR Ohio	207,020
Common stock	10,648
Total investments	218,168
Total deposits and investments	\$1,040,510

Deposits

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Note 6 – Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

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Commercial Insurance

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The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2018.

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Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which includes 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. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2018. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2018.

Note 9 – Subsequent Event

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Library. The impact on the Library's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



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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**

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Norwalk, Ohio 44857

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 Norwalk Public Library, Huron County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2020 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. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Library.

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 2019-001 to be a material weakness.

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 subject the Library's response to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements 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.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 18, 2020

**NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY
HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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FINDING NUMBER 2019-001

Material Weakness – Financial Reporting

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; 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 as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

Capital Projects Fund Type nonspendable (\$11,148) and assigned (\$26,916) fund balance was reclassified to committed (\$38,604) in accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54 (GASB Cod 1800.165 - .179) for the year ended December 31, 2019.

This error was 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. An additional error in a smaller relative amount was also noted for the year ended December 31, 2018.

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 financial statements and notes to the financial statements by the Fiscal Officer and Board of Trustees to help identify and correct errors and omissions. The Fiscal Officer can refer to Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-004 at the following website address for information on Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54:
<http://www.ohioauditor.gov/publications/bulletins/2011/2011-004.pdf>.

Official's Response:

The Library acknowledges the reclassification of the Capital Projects Fund and will be more diligent in the future to have a complete and accurate financial statement.

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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