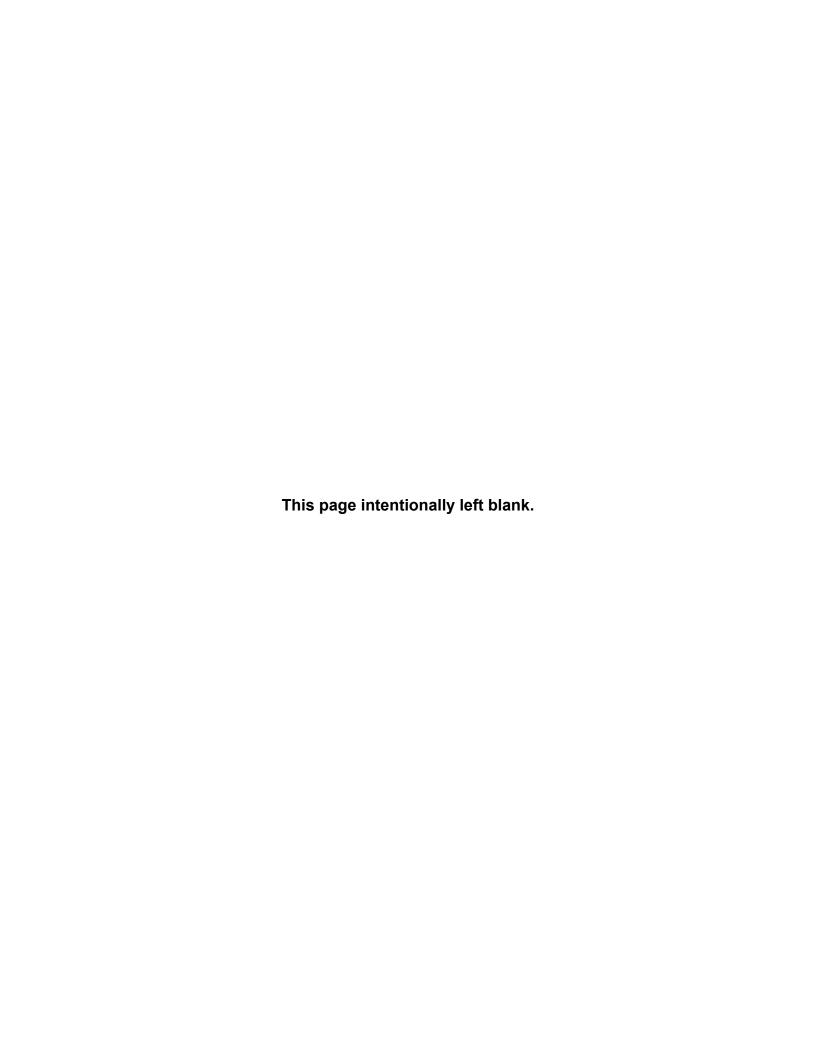




NEW STRAITSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PERRY COUNTY

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

New Straitsville Public Library Perry County P.O. Box 8 New Straitsville, Ohio 43766

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the New Straitsville Public Library, Perry County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Library prepares its financial statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the New Straitsville Public Library, Perry County, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 23, 2002, 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

April 23, 2002

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NEW STRAITSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PERRY COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

	2001	2000
Cash Receipts:		
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 131,736	\$ 128,360
Patron Fines and Fees	675	532
Earnings on Investments	3,276	5,372
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,000	
Miscellaneous Receipts	8,589	384
Total Cash Receipts	145,276	134,648
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Cash Disbursements: Current:		
Salaries and Benefits	40,914	35,069
Purchased and Contracted Services	17,193	16,684
Other Objects	5,934	20,573
Capital Outlay	216,056	14,664
Capital Outlay	210,030	14,004
Total Cash Disbursements	280,097	86,990
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(134,821)	47,658
Cash Balance January 1	192,895	145 227
Cash Balance, January 1	192,090	145,237
Cash Balance, December 31	\$ 58,074	\$ 192,895

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

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NEW STRAITSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY PERRY COUNTY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The New Straitsville Public Library, Perry County (the Library), is a school district free public library established by resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Southern Local School District, Perry County, to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio and Ohio Rev. Code Sections 3375.33 through 3375.41. The Library is directed by an appointed seven-member Board of Trustees. The Library provides the community with various educational and literary resources.

The Library's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Library is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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).

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Administrative Code requires that the Library prepare an annual budget.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Administrative Code requires the Library to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2000 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statement.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Demand deposits	\$58,074	\$192,895

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2001 and 2000, follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
Budgeted	Actual				
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Variance</u>			
<u>\$133,300</u>	<u>\$145,276</u>	<u>\$11,976</u>			
2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures					
Appropriation	Budgetary				
Authority	Expenditures	<u>Variance</u>			
<u>\$323,133</u>	\$280,097	<u>\$43,036</u>			
2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts					
Budgeted	Actual				
Receipts	Receipts	Variance			
<u>\$121,883</u>	<u>\$134,648</u>	<u>\$12,765</u>			
20 <u>00 Budgeted vs. A</u>	ctual Budgetary B	asis Expenditures			
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	<u>Variance</u>			
<u>\$266,490</u>	<u>\$86,990</u>	<u>\$179,500</u>			

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

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 LLGSF is allocated 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 on account of any additional revenues realized by the Library.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Library employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library has obtained commercial insurance coverage for the following risks:

- Property
- General Liability
- Inland Marine
- Employee Dishonesty

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

New Straitsville Public Library Perry County P.O. Box 8 New Straitsville, Ohio 43766

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the New Straitsville Public Library, Perry County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 23, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Library in a separate letter dated April 23, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Library's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated April 23, 2002.

New Straitsville Public Library Perry County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

April 23, 2002



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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 JUNE 6, 2002