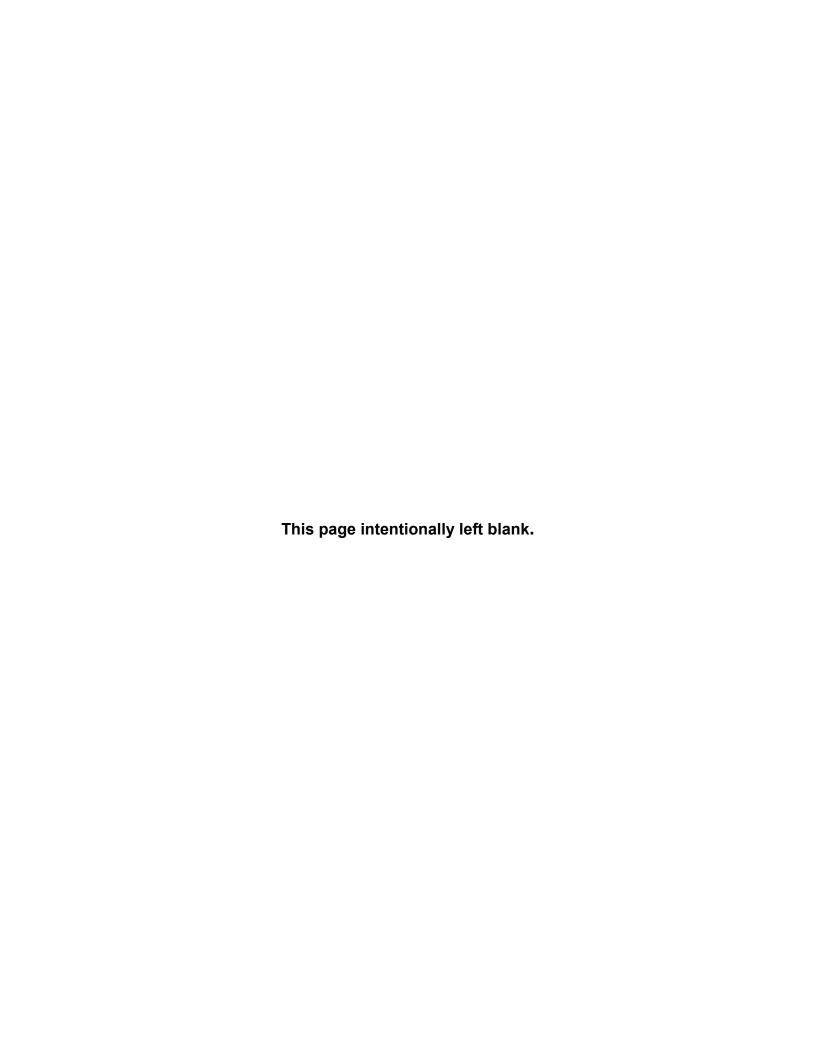




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Martins Ferry Public Library Belmont County 20 South Fifth Street Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Martins Ferry Public Library, Belmont County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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 *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 statements 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Martins Ferry Public Library, Belmont County, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and its combined 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 26, 2004, 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.

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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 § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

April 26, 2004

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

	Governmental Fund Type		
	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Library and Local Government Support Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Contributions, Gifts and Donations Miscellaneous Receipts	\$1,148,962 27,718 1,137 8,474 2,927	\$ 6,234	\$1,148,962 27,718 7,371 8,474 2,927
Total Cash Receipts	1,189,218	6,234	1,195,452
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries Employee Fringe Benefits Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Supplies Other Objects Capital Outlay	559,922 157,786 182,252 223,921 26,881 4,873 6,382		559,922 157,786 182,252 223,921 26,881 4,873 6,382
Total Cash Disbursements	1,162,017	0	1,162,017
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	27,201	6,234	33,435
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	143 (5,000) (4,857)	5,000 (143) 4,857	5,143 (5,143)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	22,344	11,091	33,435
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	74,531	217,584	292,115
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$96,875	\$228,675	\$325,550
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$34,430	\$0	\$34,430

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Governmental Fund Type		
	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Library and Local Government Support Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Contributions, Gifts and Donations Miscellaneous Receipts	\$1,161,510 22,070 1,596 6,279 8,088	\$ 7,535	\$1,161,510 22,070 9,131 6,279 8,088
Total Cash Receipts	1,199,543	7,535	1,207,078
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries Employee Fringe Benefits Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Supplies Other Objects Capital Outlay	592,626 147,081 225,816 270,714 33,199 5,506 36,649		592,626 147,081 225,816 270,714 33,199 5,506 36,649
Total Cash Disbursements	1,311,591	0	1,311,591
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(112,048)	7,535	(104,513)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	17,000	(17,000)	17,000 (17,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	17,000	(17,000)	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(95,048)	(9,465)	(104,513)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	169,579	227,049	396,628
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$74,531	\$217,584	\$292,115
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$33,421	\$0	\$33,421

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Martins Ferry Public Library, Belmont 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 the Martins Ferry City School District Board of Education. The Library provides the community with various educational and literary resources. The Library is involved with the SOLO Regional Library which is defined as a jointly governed organization. Additional information concerning the jointly governed organization is presented in Note 7.

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 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).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Library had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

Permanent Improvement Funds – These funds receive interest earnings for building improvements to the Library and its branches.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (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 object level of control.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. 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 statements.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the basis of accounting the Library uses.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$325,250	\$166,620
Certificates of deposit		125,195
Petty Cash	300	300
Total deposits	325,550	292,115

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Library, or (3) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002, follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$1,179,607	\$1,189,361	\$9,754	
Capital Projects	4,278	11,234	6,956	
Total	\$1,183,885	\$1,200,595	\$16,710	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

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	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,254,139	\$1,201,447	\$52,692
Capital Projects	143	143	0
Total	\$1,254,282	\$1,201,590	\$52,692

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,208,110	\$1,216,543	\$8,433
Capital Projects	6,949	7,535	586
Total	\$1,215,059	\$1,224,078	\$9,019

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,377,690	\$1,345,012	\$32,678
Capital Projects	17,000	17,000	0
Total	\$1,394,690	\$1,362,012	\$32,678

4. LIBRARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FUND 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 based on of any additional revenues the Library receives.

5 RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The Library's OPERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

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.

The Library also provides health and life insurance coverage to full-time employees through private carriers.

7. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

The Southeastern Ohio Library Organization Regional Library System, (SOLO), is a regional library system created and jointly governed according to the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 3375.90 through Section 3375.93. SOLO is composed of fourteen legally-separate libraries within Southeast Ohio: Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library, Bellaire Public Library, Caldwell Public Library, Guernsey County District Library, Kate Love Simpson Library, Martins Ferry Public Library, Monroe County District Library, Muskingum County Public Library System, Newark Public Library, Perry County District Library, Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County, Puskarich Public Library, St. Clairsville Public Library, and Washington County Public Library. SOLO is governed by a fourteen member Board of Trustees selected by the Librarians Council which consists of the library administrators or a representative from each member library. SOLO provides annual training workshops for member library employees, technical training and assistance, a central graphics center, and coordinates the delivery of intra-library book loans. The Library's control over budgeting and financing of SOLO is limited to its voting authority and its representation on SOLO's Board of Trustees.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Library pays an annual fee to SOLO Regional Library System, a jointly governed organization, of which the Library is a member. The Library paid \$7,000 to the SOLO Regional Library System during the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 and paid \$5,025 during the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.



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

Martins Ferry Public Library Belmont County 20 South Fifth Street Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Martins Ferry Public Library, Belmont County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2004. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statements are 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*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements 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 statements 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.

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Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

April 26, 2004



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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 MAY 27, 2004