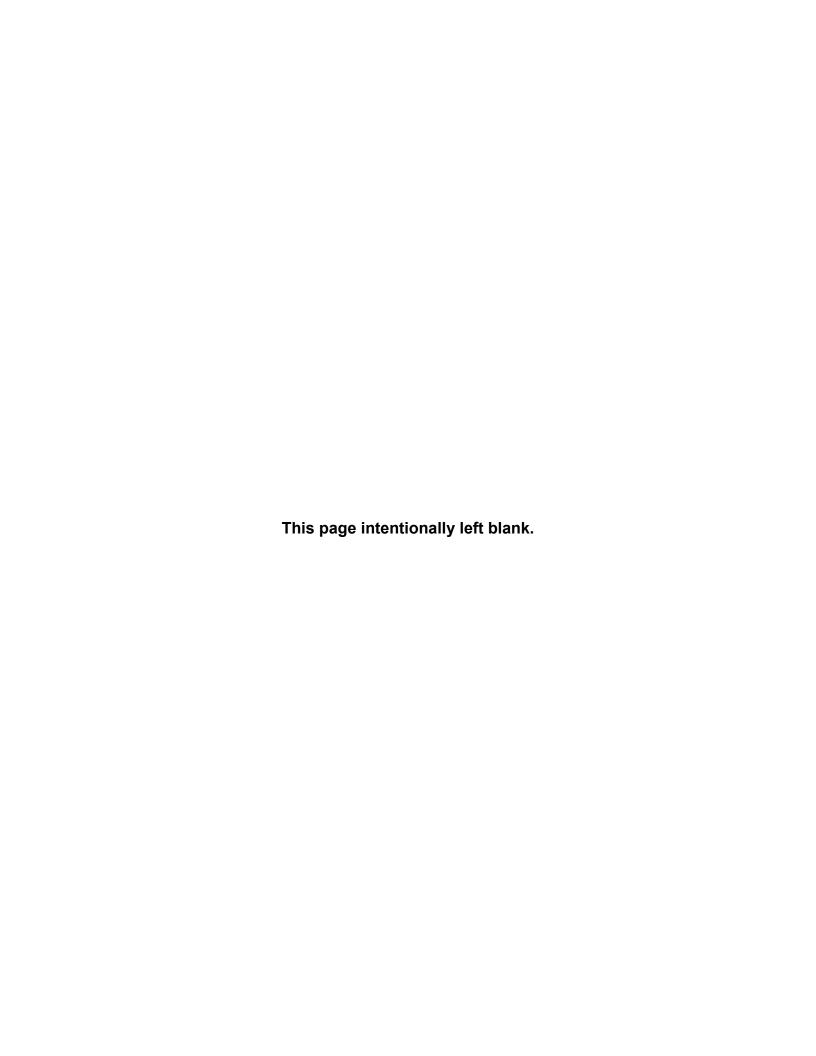




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Caldwell Public Library Noble County 517 Spruce Street P.O. Box 230 Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Caldwell Public Library, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 Caldwell Public Library, Noble County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 7, 2003 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 the audit committee, 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 7, 2003

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 Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	\$459,349	\$60,000	\$	\$519,349
Patron Fines and Fees	10,938			10,938
Earnings on Investments	6,490			6,490
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	2,095			2,095
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,166			3,166
Total Cash Receipts	482,038	60,000	0	542,038
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	267,959			267,959
Purchased and Contracted Services	71,970	5,155	7,424	84,549
Library Materials and Information	86,479	10,400		96,879
Supplies	6,880	7,692		14,572
Other Objects	7,601	5,602		13,203
Capital Outlay	48,212	31,151	183,398	262,761
Total Cash Disbursements	489,101	60,000	190,822	739,923
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(7,063)	0	(190,822)	(197,885)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	192,496	0	345,065	537,561
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$185,433	\$0	\$154,243	\$339,676
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$18,623	\$0	\$18,525	\$37,148

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, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	\$498,140	\$	\$498,140
Patron Fines and Fees	10,026		10,026
Earnings on Investments	16,213		16,213
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,502		1,502
Miscellaneous Receipts	751		751
Total Cash Receipts	526,632	0	526,632
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Salaries and Benefits	209,528		209,528
Supplies	8,110		8,110
Purchased and Contracted Services	68,431		68,431
Library Materials and Information	108,988		108,988
Other Objects	7,575		7,575
Capital Outlay	28,352	4,935	33,287
Total Cash Disbursements	430,984	4,935	435,919
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	95,648	(4,935)	90,713
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	96,848	350,000	446,848
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$192,496	\$345,065	\$537,561
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$20,616	\$0	\$20,616

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Caldwell Public Library, Noble 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 Board members of the Caldwell Exempted Village School District. 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. 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. Special Revenue Fund

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Library had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Bookmobile Fund - This fund receives library aid from the State of Ohio and is used to provide a bookmobile program for underserved areas in and around Noble County.

3. Capital Project Fund

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 Fund:

Building, Maintenance and Repair Fund - This fund is used for the maintenance and repair of the Library building.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. 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 and function level of control. Although not required by the Ohio Administrative Code to use encumbrance accounting, the Library has elected to use encumbrance accounting. Also, the Ohio Administrative Code does not require the Library to estimate resources, however, the Library has elected to estimate resources for budgetary control.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. 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.

F. 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

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

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$339,676	\$537,561

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, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
	Budgeted	Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance	
General	\$486,449	\$482,038	(\$4,411)	
Special Revenue	60,000	60,000	0	
Total	\$546,449	\$542,038	(\$4,411)	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

3. **BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditur

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$678,945	\$507,724	\$171,221
Special Revenue	60,000	60,000	0
Capital Projects	345,065	209,347	135,718
Total	\$1,084,010	\$777,071	\$306,939

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

General	\$536,279	\$526,632	(\$9,647)
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
	Budgeted	Actual	

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$633,128	\$451,600	\$181,528
Capital Projects	350,000	4,935	345,065
Total	\$983,128	\$456,535	\$526,593

4. GRANTS-IN-AID

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

Contribution rates are prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, the Library's PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2002 and 2001. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

7. JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

The SOLO (Southeastern Ohio Library Organization) Regional Library System, (SOLO), is a regional library system created and jointly governed according to the provisions of the Ohio Rev. Code Section 3375.90 through Section 3375.93. The Regional Library System is composed of fourteen legally-separate libraries within Southeast Ohio: Barnesville Hutton Memorial Public 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. The Regional Library System is governed by a fourteen member Board of Trustees selected by the Librarians Council which consists of library administrators or a representative from each member library. The Regional Library System 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 Caldwell Public 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, a jointly owned organization, of which the Library is a member. The Library paid \$12,050 to the SOLO Regional Library during the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002.



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Caldwell Public Library, Noble County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 7, 2003. 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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April 7, 2003



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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 13, 2003