



**RIDGEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HARDIN COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 - 1998**



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**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Ridgemont Public Library  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ridgemont Public Library, Hardin County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Library as of December 31, 1999 and 1998, 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 July 25, 2000 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, 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.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

July 25, 2000



**RIDGEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HARDIN COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

**Cash Receipts:**

Property and Other Local Taxes	\$16,115
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	112,239
Patron Fines and Fees	952
Earnings on Investments	1,595
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,198
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>3,327</u>

Total Cash Receipts 135,426

**Cash Disbursements:**

Current:	
Salaries and Benefits	59,520
Supplies	4,168
Purchased and Contracted Services	23,125
Library Materials and Information	19,442
Other Objects	1,971
Capital Outlay	<u>26,311</u>

Total Cash Disbursements 134,537

Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements 889

Fund Cash Balance, January 1 36,036

**Fund Cash Balance, December 31** **\$36,925**

Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31 \$1,753

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

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

**Cash Receipts:**

Property and Other Local Taxes	\$14,787
Other Government Grants-In-Aid	101,793
Patron Fines and Fees	832
Earnings on Investments	1,126
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>2,067</u>

Total Cash Receipts 120,605

**Cash Disbursements:**

Current:	
Salaries and Benefits	46,813
Supplies	3,584
Purchased and Contracted Services	26,023
Library Material and Information	17,985
Other Objects	2,496
Capital Outlay	<u>1,027</u>

Total Cash Disbursements 97,928

Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements 22,677

Fund Cash Balance, January 1 13,359

**Fund Cash Balance, December 31** **\$36,036**

Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31 \$0

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Ridgemont Public Library, Hardin 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 the State of Ohio. The Library is a school district library operated by a seven member Board of Trustees appointed by the Ridgemont School District Board of Education. 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. 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**

The District had no investments.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The Library uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Library classifies its fund into the following type:

**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.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Administrative Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

**1. Appropriations**

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Administrative Code requires the Library to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 1999 and 1998 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. Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave**

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the Library.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	<u>\$36,925</u>	<u>\$36,036</u>

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1998 and 1999 follows:

<b>1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$124,147	\$135,426	\$11,279

<b>1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$160,182	\$136,290	\$23,892

<b>1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$102,648	\$120,605	\$17,957

<b>1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$116,007	\$97,928	\$18,079

**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.

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the Library is subject. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Other Governments Grants In Aid. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**4. GRANTS-IN-AID AND TAX RECEIPTS (Continued)**

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Library.

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

The Public Employees Retirement System 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 also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. 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. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1999.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Errors and omissions



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS 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 Ridgemont Public Library, Hardin County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated July 25, 2000.

**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. 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 July 25, 2000.

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

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**Jim Petro**  
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July 25, 2000



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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.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 31, 2000**