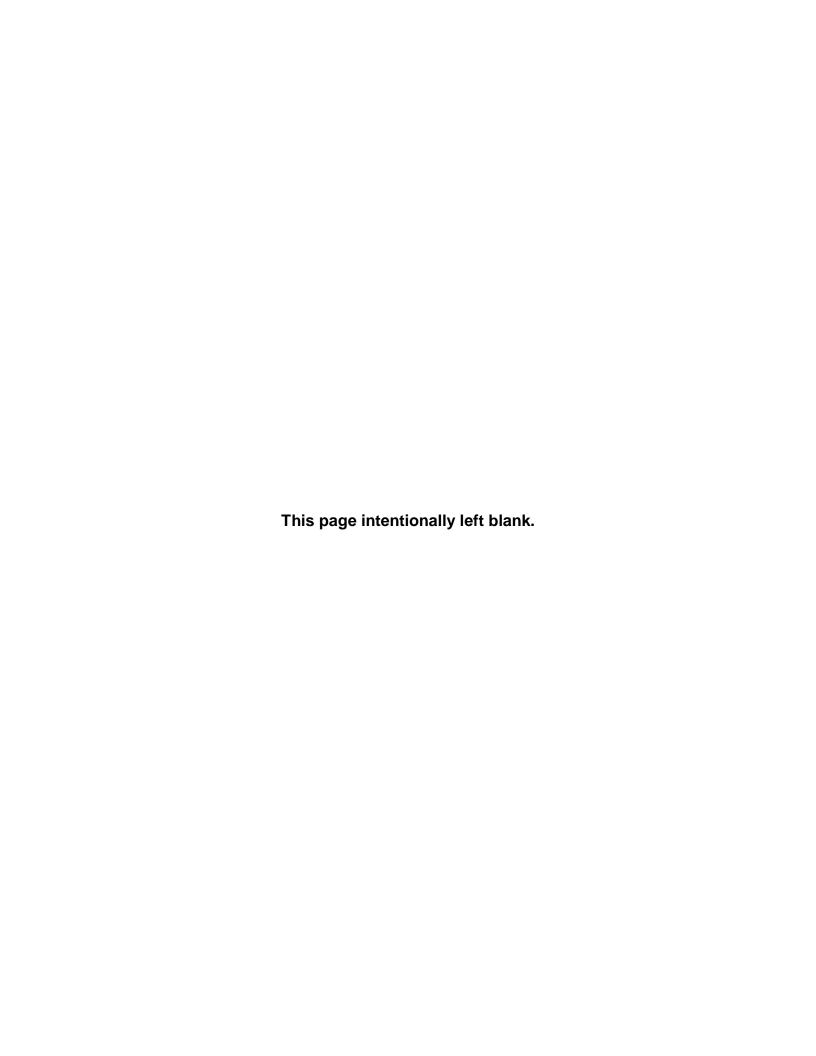
REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 & 1999



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Wickliffe Public Library Lake County 1713 Lincoln Road Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Wickliffe Public Library, Lake County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described 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 Wickliffe Public Library, Lake County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, 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 March 21, 2001 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 audits.

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.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

March 21, 2001

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Property and Other Taxes	\$1,244,356	\$0	\$1,244,356
Intergovernmental Revenue	25,380	0	25,380
Patron Fines and Fees	27,131	0	27,131
Earnings on Investments	73,684	0	73,684
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,774	0	1,774
Miscellaneous Receipts	16,978	0	16,978
Total Cash Receipts	1,389,303	0	1,389,303
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:		_	
Salaries and Benefits	702,949	0	702,949
Supplies	41,662	0	41,662
Purchased and Contracted Services	92,685	4,168	96,853
Library Materials and Information	249,366	0	249,366
Other Objects	11,296	20.069	11,296
Capital Outlay	0	29,068	29,068
Total Cash Disbursements	1,097,958	33,236	1,131,194
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	291,345	(33,236)	258,109
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Transfers-In	0	200,000	200,000
Transfers-Out	(200,000)	0	(200,000)
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Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(200,000)	200,000	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing			
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	91,345	166,764	258,109
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2000	120,206	1,174,246	1,294,452
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2000	\$211,551	\$1,341,010	\$1,552,561
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31, 2000	\$10,242	\$6,800	\$17,042

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 - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Taxes	\$1,152,572	\$0	\$1,152,572	
Intergovernmental Revenue	25,222	0	25,222	
Patron Fines and Fees	29,842	0	29,842	
Earnings on Investments	55,554	0	55,554	
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	1,499	0	1,499	
Miscellaneous Receipts	15,546	0	15,546	
Total Cash Receipts	1,280,235	0	1,280,235	
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	680,510	0	680,510	
Supplies	30,989	0	30,989	
Purchased and Contracted Services	91,236	20,515	111,751	
Library Materials and Information	206,475	0	206,475	
Other Objects	9,663	0	9,663	
Capital Outlay	558	42,996	43,554	
Total Cash Disbursements	1,019,431	63,511	1,082,942	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	260,804	(63,511)	197,293	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Transfers-In	0	300,000	300,000	
Transfers-Out	(300,000)	0	(300,000)	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(300,000)	300,000	0	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(39,196)	236,489	197,293	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 1999	159,402	937,757	1,097,159	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 1999	\$120,206	\$1,174,246	\$1,294,452	
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31, 1999	\$4,232	\$17,768	\$22,000	

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Wickliffe Public Library, Lake County, Ohio, (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 directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by Wickliffe 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.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Library is financially accountable. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Library in that the Library approves their budget, the issuance of their debt or the levying of their taxes. The Library has no component units.

The following entity which performs activities within the Library's boundaries for the benefit of its residents are excluded from the accompanying financial statements because the Library is not financially accountable for these entities nor are they fiscally dependent on the Library.

<u>Friends of the Wickliffe Public Library</u> was organized to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the Wickliffe Public Library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community; The Library exercised no financial control over this organization. The Library received no financial contributions from the Friends organization during fiscal period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. Total cash assets (unaudited) of the Friends of Wickliffe Public Library at December 31, 2000 amounted to \$1,952. The Friends Treasurer's Report (unaudited) can be obtained through Evelyn Nevel, Treasurer.

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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts.

The Library invested in a Money Market account and Federal Home Loan Securities, which are valued at cost.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 fund:

Building Fund - This fund is used for the purpose of repairing, improving, furnishing and equipping the existing library facilities.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) should not exceed appropriations at the fund, function level of control. The Board of Trustees and the Wickliffe Board of Education must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The Library sends a copy of the annual appropriation measure and subsequent amendments to the County Budget Commission. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2000 and 1999 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES(Continued)

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 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:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Demand deposits Money Market	\$88,160 483,003	\$80,497 1,213,955
Total deposits	571,163	1,294,452
Federal Home Loan Securities	981,398	0
Total investments	981,398	0
Total deposits and investments	\$1,552,561	\$1,294,452

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Library.

Investments: Federal Home Loan Securities are held in book-entry form by the Federal Reserve, in the name of the Library's financial institution. The financial institution maintains records identifying the Library as owner of these securities.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending follows:

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$1,310,525	\$1,389,303	\$78,778
Capital Projects		0	200,000	200,000
,	Total	\$1,310,525	\$1,589,303	\$278,778
	Total	ψ1,510,525	ψ1,505,505	Ψ270,770
2000 Bu	idgeted vs.	. Actual Budgetar	ry Basis Expenditu	res
		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General		\$1,280,570	\$1,308,200	(\$27,630)
Capital Projects		112,032	40,036	71,996
	Total	\$1,392,602	\$1,348,236	\$44,366
	Total	\$1,392,002	ψ1,340,230	Ψ44,300
	1999 Bu	udgeted vs. Actua	al Receipts	
		Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type		Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General		\$1,223,973	\$1,280,235	\$56,262
Capital Projects		0	300,000	300,000
	Total	\$1,223,973	\$1,580,235	\$356,262
1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
		Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type		Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General		\$1,188,239	\$1,323,663	(\$135,424)
Capital Projects		70,192	81,279	(11,087)
	Total	\$1,258,431	\$1,404,942	(\$146,511)

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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the taxing district.

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 for 1999 and 10.84% for 2000. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The Library also provides health, vision and dental insurance to full-time employees who work 25 or more hours per week through a private carrier. The Library's liability for health care is limited to the premiums paid.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Wickliffe Public Library Lake County 1713 Lincoln Road Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Wickliffe Public Library, Lake County, Ohio, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated March 21, 2001. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 March 21, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, 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 certain 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 March 21, 2001.

Wickliffe Public Library Lake County Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

March 21, 2001



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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 APRIL 17, 2001