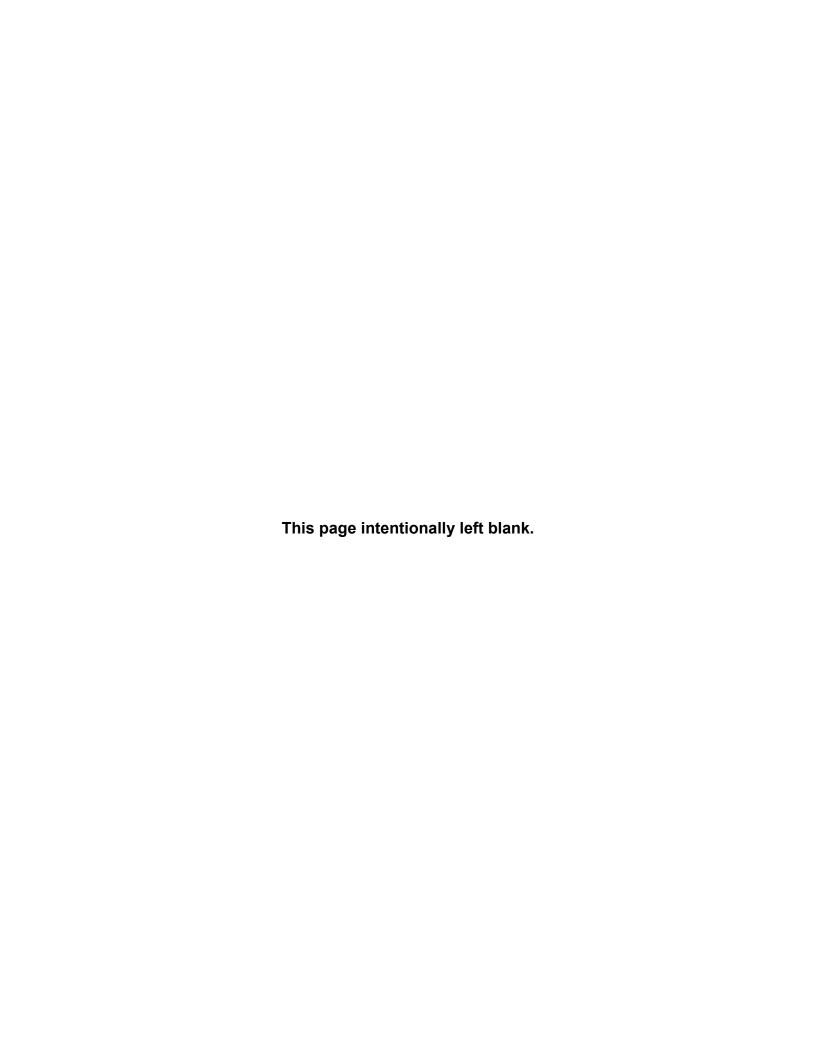




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library Erie County 19 E. Church Street P.O. Box 1550 Milan, Ohio 44846-1550

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie County, (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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 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 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 Library 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 August 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 audits.

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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

August 7, 2003

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

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Capital Projects
Cash Receipts: Property and Other Local Taxes Other Government Grants-In-Aid Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Services Provided to Other Entities Contributions, Gifts and Donations Miscellaneous Receipts	\$140,939 419,306 16,405 11,971 1,702 401	
Total Cash Receipts	590,724	
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries and Benefits Supplies Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Other Objects Capital Outlay Total Cash Disbursements	304,928 19,431 69,898 169,755 5,708 43,751	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(22,747)	
Other Financing Disbursements: Other Financing Uses Total Other Financing Disbursements		
Excess of Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(22,747)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	221,215	\$368,393
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$198,468	\$368,393
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$46,331	

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

Fiduciary		
Expendable Trust		
\$87,908 4,728	\$101	\$140,939 419,306 16,405 99,980 1,702 4,728
92,636	101	401
92,030	101	304,928 19,431
3,124		69,898 172,879 5,708
967		44,718
4,091		617,562
88,545	101	65,899
(9,645)		(9,645)
(9,645)		(9,645)
78,900	101	56,254
1,861,583	20,835	2,472,026
\$1,940,483	\$20,936	\$2,528,280
\$40		\$46,371

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General	Capital Projects
Cash Receipts: Property and Other Local Taxes Other Government Grants-In-Aid Patron Fines and Fees Earnings on Investments Services Provided to Other Entities Contributions, Gifts and Donations Miscellaneous Receipts Total Cash Receipts	\$131,217 455,457 14,537 20,650 1,954 614	
Cash Disbursements: Current: Salaries and Benefits Supplies Purchased and Contracted Services Library Materials and Information Other Objects Capital Outlay	293,993 16,818 60,553 154,650 4,758 44,333	
Total Cash Disbursements	575,105	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	49,324	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	(50,000)	50,000
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(50,000)	50,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	(676) 221,891	50,000 318,393
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$221,215 \$25,425	\$368,393
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$35,435	

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

Fiduciary	_ , .	
Expendable Trust	Nonexpendable Trust	Totals (Memorandum Only)
\$117,265 3,747	\$1,483	\$131,217 455,457 14,537 139,398 1,954 3,747 614
121,012	1,483	746,924
1,776 14,320	3,941	293,993 16,818 60,553 160,367 4,758 58,653
16,096	3,941	595,142
104,916	(2,458)	151,782
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104,916	(2,458)	151,782
1,756,667	23,293	2,320,244
\$1,861,583	\$20,835	\$2,472,026
		\$35,435

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie 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 Berlin-Milan 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

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. The investment in mutual funds, including STAR Ohio (the State Treasurer's investment pool) are valued at amounts reported by the mutual fund. Corporate equity securities and repurchase agreements 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.

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

2. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Library had the following significant capital project fund:

Building and Repair Fund - This fund receives excess tax revenues from the General Fund to be used for construction and repair of the Library's two branch buildings.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust Funds)

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Library to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a nonexpendable trust fund. Other trust funds are classified as expendable. The Library had the following significant fiduciary funds:

Williams Fund - This fund was set up as a bequest given to the Library to be used for Library purposes.

Harley Brownell Gibbs Trust - This fund was set up as a bequest given to the Library to be used for Library purposes.

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 fund, function, and object level of control.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 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:

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

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$6,012	(\$2,076)
Certificates of deposit	615,182	586,751
Total deposits	621,194	584,675
STAR Ohio	810,949	844,564
Repurchase agreement	208,023	145,028
U.S. Treasury Bond Mutual Fund	330,000	329,656
Money Market Mutual Fund	63,848	10,855
Equity Securities	494,266	557,248
Total investments	1,907,086	1,887,351
Total deposits and investments	\$2,528,280	\$2,472,026

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

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio and mutual funds are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

The Library's financial institution transfers the securities to the Library's agent to collateralize repurchase agreements. The securities are not in the Library's name.

Equity securities are held in book entry form by a financial institution's trust department in the Library's name.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

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	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$835,835	\$659,802	\$176,033
Capital Projects	367,000		367,000
Fiduciary	751,350	13,776	737,574
Total	\$1,954,185	\$673,578	\$1,280,607

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$841,642	\$660,540	\$181,102
Capital Projects	317,000		317,000
Fiduciary	699,450	20,037	679,413
Total	\$1,858,092	\$680,577	\$1,177,515

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 based on any additional revenues the Library receives.

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 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 percent of their gross salaries. The Library contributed an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

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

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Milan-Berlin Township Public Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

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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 Milan-Berlin Township Public Library, Erie County, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated August 7, 2003. We conducted our audits 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 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 a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated August 7, 2003.

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 that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated August 7, 2003.

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August 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2003