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MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
MERCER COUNTY

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Mercer County District Library
Mercer County
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Mercer County District Library
Mercer County
303 North Main Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Mercer County District Library (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. 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 reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Library has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Library to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Library does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Library has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Library does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library as of December 31, 2004, or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, 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, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Library to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Library has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2005, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005

**MERCER COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Library and Local Government Support	\$963,693			\$963,693
Patron Fines and Fees	10,941	6,104		17,045
Earnings on Investments	5,978	1,078	57	7,113
Contributions, Gifts and Donations		287		287
Miscellaneous Receipts	5,486	1,312		6,798
	<u>986,098</u>	<u>8,781</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>994,936</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>986,098</u>	<u>8,781</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>994,936</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	614,107			614,107
Purchased and Contracted Services	147,521	3,630		151,151
Library Materials and Information	82,931	1,361		84,292
Supplies	22,334			22,334
Other	3,933	734		4,667
Capital Outlay	68,962		20,827	89,789
	<u>939,788</u>	<u>5,725</u>	<u>20,827</u>	<u>966,340</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>939,788</u>	<u>5,725</u>	<u>20,827</u>	<u>966,340</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	46,310	3,056	(20,770)	28,596
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	140,610	68,379	23,125	232,114
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$186,920</u>	<u>\$71,435</u>	<u>\$2,355</u>	<u>\$260,710</u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$7,949</u>	<u>\$625</u>		<u>\$8,574</u>

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

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Library and Local Government Support	\$957,541			\$957,541
Patron Fines and Fees	9,621	6,567		16,188
Earnings on Investments	1,825	574	1,612	4,011
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	15,000	3,778		18,778
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,350	1,153		4,503
	<u>987,337</u>	<u>12,072</u>	<u>1,612</u>	<u>1,001,021</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
Salaries and Benefits	593,947			593,947
Purchased and Contracted Services	135,162	2,936		138,098
Library Materials and Information	71,339	508		71,847
Supplies	25,522			25,522
Other	3,971	879		4,850
Capital Outlay	167,840		309,268	477,108
	<u>997,781</u>	<u>4,323</u>	<u>309,268</u>	<u>1,311,372</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(10,444)	7,749	(307,656)	(310,351)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	151,054	60,630	330,781	542,465
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$140,610</u>	<u>\$68,379</u>	<u>\$23,125</u>	<u>\$232,114</u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$46,701</u>	<u>\$61</u>	<u>\$21,513</u>	<u>\$68,275</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Mercer County District Library (the Library) as a body corporate and politic. The Library is directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners and the Common Pleas Court Judge. 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This accounting basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis. The Library recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Library's accounting basis includes investments as assets. Accordingly, the Library does not record investment purchases as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. The Library records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Money market mutual funds (including STAR Ohio) are recorded at share values reported by the mutual fund. The common stock is valued at the fair value of the date of the donation to the Library.

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 accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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 Funds:

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Nickel Trust Fund – This fund receives dividends from donated stock and revenue from copy machine fees that were purchased from this fund.

Friends of the Library – This fund accounts for receipts and expenditures of the Celina library friends group.

2. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through trust funds). The Library had the following significant Capital Project fund:

Building & Repair Fund – This fund accumulates resources with transfers from the General Fund and donations to be used for expenditures relating to building projects.

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, object level of control.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Library records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

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

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	\$44,255	\$100,550
STAR Ohio	215,847	130,956
Common stock (at cost, fair value was \$6,950 and \$6,622 at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.)	608	608
Total investments	216,455	131,564
Total deposits and investments	\$260,710	\$232,114

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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The Stock is common stock registered in the Library's name.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$964,541	\$986,098	\$21,557
Special Revenue	0	8,781	8,781
Capital Projects	0	57	57
Total	<u>\$964,541</u>	<u>\$994,936</u>	<u>\$30,395</u>

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,103,107	\$947,737	\$155,370
Special Revenue	68,378	6,350	62,028
Capital Projects	23,125	20,827	2,298
Total	<u>\$1,194,610</u>	<u>\$974,914</u>	<u>\$219,696</u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,066,389	\$987,337	(\$79,052)
Special Revenue	0	12,072	12,072
Capital Projects	0	1,612	1,612
Total	<u>\$1,066,389</u>	<u>\$1,001,021</u>	<u>(\$65,368)</u>

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,137,504	\$1,044,482	\$93,022
Special Revenue	72,327	4,384	67,943
Capital Projects	332,374	330,781	1,593
Total	<u>\$1,542,205</u>	<u>\$1,379,647</u>	<u>\$162,558</u>

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4. GRANTS-IN-AID

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the State Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF). The State allocates LLGSF 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. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes retirement benefits for vested employees who are eligible to retire based upon years of service. OPERS also provides survivor and disability benefits to vested employees as the Ohio Revised Code prescribes.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. 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, 2004.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Mercer County District Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 12, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved to enter into the following contracts for construction of an addition onto the Celina Library:

Heyne Construction	\$95,900
Consolidated Heating & Plumbing	7,995
Reynolds Electric	17,300



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Mercer County District Library
Mercer County
303 North Main Street
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Mercer County District Library (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2005, wherein we noted the Library follows the accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal controls 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 May 18, 2005.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Library's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Library in a separate letter dated May 18, 2005.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 18, 2005



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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
JULY 5, 2005**