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**CONNEAUT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Conneaut Public Library  
Ashtabula County  
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To the Board of Trustees:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Conneaut Public Library, Ashtabula County, Ohio (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Library's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the Library prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Library does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Conneaut Public Library, Ashtabula County as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 04, 2020, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 04, 2020

**CONNEAUT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$331,927	\$0	\$331,927
Public Library	496,567		496,567
Intergovernmental	17,035		17,035
Patron Fines and Fees	795		795
Services Provided to Other Entities	105		105
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	2,981		2,981
Miscellaneous	22,890		22,890
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>872,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>872,300</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Library Services	545,712		545,712
Support Services:	132,490		132,490
Information Services	72,653		72,653
Business Administration	60,085		60,085
Capital Outlay	12,706		12,706
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>823,646</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>823,646</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>48,654</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48,654</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	48,654	0	48,654
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>211,536</u>	<u>127,184</u>	<u>338,720</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Assigned	4,078	127,184	131,262
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>256,112</u>		<u>256,112</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$260,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$127,184</u></u>	<u><u>\$387,374</u></u>

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

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*Ashtabula County*  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

**Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Conneaut Public Library, Ashtabula County, (the Library) as a body and corporate politic. The City of Conneaut appoint a 7 member Board of Trustees to govern the Library. 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 except the financial statements do not include debt service funds external custodians maintain.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting 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.

***Deposits and Investments***

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

**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:

**General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

**Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Library had the following significant capital project funds:

**Building Repair Fund** - This fund is used for improvements to the Library.



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***Budgetary Process***

The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. Budgetary expenditures may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, and object level of control.

A summary of 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 4.

***Fund Balance***

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Library must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

***Non-spendable*** - The Library classifies assets as *non-spendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

***Restricted*** - Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

***Committed*** - Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Library must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

***Assigned*** - Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Library Trustees or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

***Unassigned*** - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Library applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

***Capital Assets***

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

***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.

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**Note 3 – Deposits**

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

	2019
Demand deposits	\$387,374
Total deposits	\$387,374

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

At December 31, 2019 all deposits were collateralized.

**Note 4 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$851,718	\$872,300	\$20,582
Total	\$851,718	\$872,300	\$20,582
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$903,144	\$827,724	\$75,420
Capital Projects	127,184	0	127,184
Total	\$1,030,328	\$827,724	\$202,604

**Note 5 – Grants in Aid and Taxes**

***Grants in Aid***

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocated PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State's general revenue fund during the preceding month. The County Budget Commissions bases the amount for distribution on the needs of such library for the construction of new library buildings, parts of buildings, improvements, operation, maintenance, or other expenses. The County Budget Commission cannot reduce its allocation of these funds to the Library based on of any additional revenues the Library receives.

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***Property Taxes***

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the Library is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Revenue. Payments are due to the County by December 31 if the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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.

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

**Note 6 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The Library's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10%, of their gross salaries and the Library contributed an amount equaling 14%, of participants' gross salaries. The Library has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

**Note 7 – Postemployment Benefits**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, which includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2019.

**Note 8 - Related Organization**

The City of Conneaut is a charter municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The City may exercise all powers of local self-government and police powers to the extent not in conflict with applicable general laws.

The Conneaut Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the City of Conneaut. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel and does not depend on the City for operational subsidies.

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The City serves as the Library's taxing authority and has issued voter approved tax related debt on behalf of the Library; its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of tax rates and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Library Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the City of Conneaut, John Williams, Finance Director, 294 Main Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

**Note 9 - Risk Management**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Library has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
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	General	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$330,228	\$0	\$330,228
Public Library	476,276		476,276
Intergovernmental	17,300		17,300
Patron Fines and Fees	1,834		1,834
Services Provided to Other Entities	55		55
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	20,574		20,574
Earnings on Investments	31		31
Miscellaneous	24,533		24,533
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>870,831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>870,831</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Library Services	566,044		566,044
Support Services:	112,314		112,314
Information Services	75,401		75,401
Business Administration	66,278		66,278
Capital Outlay	29,545	83,050	112,595
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>849,582</u>	<u>83,050</u>	<u>932,632</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>21,249</u>	<u>(83,050)</u>	<u>(61,801)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Transfers In		75,000	75,000
Transfers Out	(75,000)		(75,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(53,751)</u>	<u>(8,050)</u>	<u>(61,801)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>265,287</u>	<u>135,234</u>	<u>400,521</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Assigned	3,144	127,184	130,328
Unassigned (Deficit)	208,392		208,392
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$211,536</u>	<u>\$127,184</u>	<u>\$338,720</u>

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	2018
Demand deposits	\$338,720
Total deposits	\$338,720

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At December 31, 2018 all deposits were collateralized.

**Note 4 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2018 follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$856,000	\$870,831	\$14,831
Capital Projects	0	75,000	75,000
Total	\$856,000	\$945,831	\$89,831

  

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$884,581	\$927,726	(\$43,145)
Capital Projects	210,234	83,050	127,184
Total	\$1,094,815	\$1,010,776	\$84,039

**Note 5 – Grants in Aid and Taxes**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the Conneaut Public Library, Ashtabula County, (the Library) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 04, 2020, wherein we noted the Library followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Library's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***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, opining 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*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 04, 2020

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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**

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JUNE 16, 2020**