BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Branch District Library Board Coldwater, Michigan January 29, 2022

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the government activities, and each major fund of the Branch District Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Branch District Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Branch District Library as of December 31, 2021, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of Branch District Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and the fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Branch District Library's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

To the Members of the Branch District Library Board Coldwater, Michigan

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
 opinion on the effectiveness of Branch District Library's internal control. Accordingly, no such
 opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Branch District Library's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

To the Members of the Branch District Library Board Coldwater, Michigan

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Branch District Library's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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COLDWATER, MICHIGAN

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Branch District Library's financial performance provides an overview of the Branch District Library's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Branch District Library's financial statements.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Branch District Library as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Library's finances. This longer-term view uses the accrual basis of accounting to measure the cost of providing services.

The fund financial statements present a short-term view; they tell us how the resources were spent during the year, as well as how much is available for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Library's operations in more detail than the Government-Wide financial statements by providing information about the Library's most significant funds.

Government-wide Financial Statements - Government-wide financial statements begin on page 9 and provide readers with a broad overview of the finances of the Library as a whole, in a manner similar to a private sector business, distinguishing functions of the Library that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (referred to as "governmental activities") from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (referred to as "business-type activities"). These statements present a longer-term view using the accrual basis of accounting, which requires that revenues are reported when they are earned and expenses are reported when incurred. They measure the cost of providing services during the current year and whether the taxpayers have funded the full cost of providing government services. The statements include a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Library's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. The Statement of Activities reports the current year's revenues and expenses and how the Library's net position changed during the year. Over time, increases or decreases in net position can serve as one indicator of the financial position of the Library.

Fund Financial Statements – The fund financial statements begin on page 11 and present more detailed information about the Library's most significant funds, not the Library as a whole. The fund financial statements present a short-term view, using a modified accrual basis of accounting, and tell us how the taxpayers' resources were spent during the year as well as how much is available for future spending. Funds are accounting tools the Library uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Continued

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds account for most, if not all, of a government's tax-supported functions. They are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide supplementary information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also contains certain required supplementary information concerning budgetary comparisons of the General Fund, as well as other supplementary information.

The Library as a Whole

The following table shows, in condensed format, the fund balance as of the current date and compared to the prior year under the modified accrual basis:

	Governmental Funds		
	2021	2020	
Assets	\$ 2,280,334	\$ 2,118,793	
Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	90,738	114,298	
Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	19,094	-	
Restricted	281,449	303,180	
Committed	190,948	185,412	
Assigned	393,273	395,946	
Unassigned	1,304,832	1,119,957	
Total fund balance	\$ 2,189,596	\$ 2,004,495	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Continued

The following table shows, in condensed format, the net position as of the current date as required by GASB 34 stated under the full accrual basis compared to prior year:

	Governmental Activities		
	2021	2020	
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 2,280,334	\$ 2,118,793	
Capital assets	432,118	483,959	
Total assets	2,712,452	2,602,752	
Liabilities			
Current liabilities and deferred inflows	90,738	114,298	
Long-term	25,500	34,300	
Total liabilities	116,238	148,598	
Net Position			
Investment in capital assets - net of related debt	432,118	483,959	
Restricted for:			
Special revenue trust fund	325,263	341,458	
Permanent trust fund	147,134	147,134	
Unrestricted	1,691,699	1,481,603	
Total net position	\$ 2,596,214	\$ 2,454,154	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Continued

The following table shows the changes of the fund equity during the current year and as compared to the prior year, under the modified accrual basis:

	Governmental Funds		
	2021 2		
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 1,759,254	\$ 1,684,769	
State aid	40,728	37,552	
Charges for services	15,117	24,936	
Penal fines	131,493	152,464	
Interest earned	13,576	10,588	
Donations	59,785	80,359	
Reimbursements	21,498	24,586	
Other revenue	14,864	3,708	
Total revenue	2,056,315	2,018,962	
Expenditures			
Cultural	1,871,214	1,819,181	
Capital outlay			
Total expenditures	1,871,214	1,819,181	
Change in fund equity	\$ 185,101	\$ 199,781	

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Continued

The following table shows, in condensed format, the changes of net position as of the current date as required by GASB 34 stated under full accrual basis:

	Governmental Activites		
	2021	2020	
Revenues			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 15,117	\$ 24,936	
Operating/grants and contributions	81,283	104,945	
General revenues:			
Property taxes	1,759,254	1,684,769	
State aid not restricted for specific purposes	40,728	37,552	
Penal fines not restricted for specific purposes	131,493	152,464	
Interest and investment earnings	13,576	10,588	
Other	14,864	3,708	
Total revenues	2,056,315	2,018,962	
Expenditures			
Cultural	1,914,255	1,838,877	
Change in Net Position	\$ 142,060	\$ 180,085	

- The Library's net position increased by \$142,060 this year, compared to an increase of \$180,085 in the prior year, under full accrual accounting. Under the modified accrual basis fund equity increased \$185,101 compared to an increase of \$199,781 in the prior year.
- The Library's primary source of revenue is property taxes, which represented 86% percent of total revenue. Penal fines in 2021 accounted for 6% of revenue.
- Personnel cost continues to be the Library's most significant expense, representing 65% percent of total governmental fund expenses.
- Depreciation expense of \$160,693 represents approximately 8% percent of the Library's total governmental activities expenses.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS – Continued

Library Budgetary Highlights for 2021:

- In 2021, the continuing strong housing market brought in property tax receipts higher than expected, which helped to offset lower penal fine receipts than our already lower-than-normal expectations. As a result, our total revenue picture was nearly exactly what we budgeted, just in a slightly different distribution.
- Expenditures were under budget, in part due to the continuing pandemic, and in part due to other reasons. The pandemic prevented us from reaching our goals in programming, and conference and training opportunities were canceled. We had multiple unfilled staff positions that kept our salaries well under budget. Also, the library was unable to secure contractors for building maintenance projects, leaving our upkeep line item far below expected levels. The end result was to be well under budget for the year.

Next Year's Funding (2022)

Looking ahead to 2022, we expect tax revenue to continue to be strong, and we are even more pessimistic about penal fine receipts. We are confident that voters will support our millage renewal proposal in 2022. We will again attempt to get major building maintenance projects completed, though the pandemic and labor shortages continue to make this a challenge. In addition, the Library Board looks forward to working on a major goal from our Strategic Plan: bringing bookmobile services back to Branch County. Pandemic effects and labor shortages may affect this project as well, but both major projects are supported in the 2022 budget by using significant sums from our fund balance.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 866,067
Investments	708,540
Due from other governmental units	11,911
Prepaid expenses	19,094
Restricted assets:	
Cash	449,193
Investments	225,529
Capital assets less accumulated depreciation of \$835,206	432,118
Total assets	2,712,452
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	13,245
Accrued expenses	56,277
Due to other governmental units	808
Long term liabilities	
Compensated absences	25,500
Total liabilities	95,830
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Property tax revenues levied for subsequent year	20,408
NET POSITION	
Investment in capital assets - net of related debt	432,118
Restricted for:	
Special revenue trust fund	325,263
Permanent trust fund	147,134
Unrestricted	1,691,699
Total net position	\$ 2,596,214

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

		Program	Revenues	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs Cultural	Expenses \$ 1,914,255	Charges for Services \$ 15,117	Operating / Grants and Contributions \$ 81,283	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position \$ (1,817,855)
	General revenue	es:		
		, levied for gener	al purposes	1,759,254
	- •	estricted for speci		40,728
	Penal fines no	t restricted for sp	ecific purposes	131,493
	Interest and in	vestment earning	įs.	13,576
	Other			14,864
	Total genera	l revenues		1,959,915
	Change in Net	Position		142,060
	Net Position - B	Beginning		2,454,154
	Net Position - E	Ending		\$ 2,596,214

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS		General Fund	F	Special Revenue Trust Fund	Po	ermanent Trust Fund	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Cash	\$	675,119	\$	190,948	\$		\$	866,067
Investments	Ψ	708,540	Ψ	170,740	Ψ	_	Ψ	708,540
Due from County		10,000		_		_		10,000
Due from others		1,911		_				1,911
Prepaid expenses		19,094		_				19,094
Restricted assets:		17,074						17,074
Cash		287,769		104,424		57,000		449,193
Investments		105,504		29,891		90,134		225,529
mvestments		103,304		27,071		70,134	-	223,327
Total assets	\$	1,807,937	\$	325,263	\$	147,134	\$	2,280,334
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS)F I	RESOURCE	S AN	D FUND B	ALA	NCE		
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$	13,245	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13,245
Accrued expenses		56,277		-		-		56,277
Due to others		808						808
Total liabilities		70,330		-		-		70,330
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCE	S							
Property tax revenues levied								
subsequent year		20,408				-		20,408
FUND BALANCE								
Nonspendable		19,094		_		_		19,094
Restricted		_		134,315		147,134		281,449
Committed		-		190,948		_		190,948
Assigned		393,273		_		_		393,273
Unassigned		1,304,832						1,304,832
Total fund balance		1,717,199		325,263		147,134		2,189,596
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	1,807,937	\$	325,263	\$	147,134	\$	2,280,334

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS RECONCILATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,189,596
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement	
of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial	
resources and are not reported in the funds:	
The cost of the capital assets	1,267,324
Accumulated depreciation	 (835,206)
Total capital assets not reported in the funds	432,118
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period	
and are not reported in the funds:	
Compensated absences	 (25,500)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 2,596,214

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Trust Fund	Permanent Trust Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES		_	_	
Taxes	\$ 1,759,254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,759,254
State aid	40,728	-	-	40,728
Charges for services	15,117	-	-	15,117
Penal fines	131,493	-	-	131,493
Interest earned	12,111	1,465	-	13,576
Donations	-	59,785	-	59,785
Reimbursements	21,498	-	-	21,498
Other revenue	14,864			14,864
Total revenues	1,995,065	61,250	-	2,056,315
EXPENDITURES				
Cultural	1,871,214	-	_	1,871,214
Capital outlay				
Total expenditures	1,871,214			1,871,214
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	123,851	61,250	-	185,101
OTHER SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers from (to)				
other funds	77,445	(77,445)		
Excess (defineency) of revenues over				
expenditures	201,296	(16,195)	-	185,101
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,515,903	341,458	147,134	2,004,495
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 1,717,199	\$ 325,263	\$ 147,134	\$ 2,189,596

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Net change in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 185,101
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Depreciation expense	(160,693)
Capital outlay	 108,852
Total	(51,841)
Increase in compensated absences are reported as an decrease to	
expenditures	 8,800
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 142,060

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Branch District Library conform to generally accepted accounting principles of the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

REPORTING ENTITY:

The Library was formed during 1991 under P.A. 24 and began operations as a separate entity on January 1, 1992. Previously, the Library was a component unit of the County of Branch. The Library operates under an appointed board of seven members and provides library services to the residents of Branch County. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include oversight responsibility, scope of public service and special financing relationships.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The government-wide financial statements, the statement of net position and the statement of activities, report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All of the Library's government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The Library first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:

<u>Governmental-Wide Statements</u> – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes and unrestricted State shared revenues.

<u>Fund-based Statements</u> – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, unrestricted State shared revenues, intergovernmental grants, charges for services and interest associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

<u>General Fund</u> is the general operating fund of the Library. It is used to account for all the Library's financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Trust Fund</u> is used to account for donations received and expended for Library purposes.

<u>Permanent Trust Fund</u> is used to account for the assets held by the Library in a trustee capacity for donations. The principal portion must remain intact, but the earnings may be used to achieve the objectives of the donor.

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS/OUTLOWS AND NET POSITION:

<u>Cash and Investments</u> - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair market value. Pooled investment income is generally allocated to each fund using a weighted average.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include equipment, furniture and fixtures, and books, are reported in the applicable governmental activity's column in the government-wide financial statements. Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. The Library has recorded current assets deemed to have future value. The Library determined there was no future value in assets not capitalized in past years.

Equipment, furniture and fixtures, and books are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Leasehold improvements	15-20 Years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 Years
Furniture and fixtures	7-10 Years
Books	3-5 Years

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS AND NET POSITION - Continued:

<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> – In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Library does not have anything that qualifies for reporting in this category.

<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> – In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time, including property tax revenues received which are intended to finance the subsequent year.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> - As of December 31, 2021, the Library was liable for compensated absences of unused vacation and sick pay for approximately \$25,500. Vacation and sick pay are earned, accumulated and paid on termination based upon the personnel policies governing the various employees.

Long-term Obligations – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

<u>Fund Balance</u> – The Library implemented GASB statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". The Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS AND NET POSITION - Continued:

Fund Balance – Continued:

Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The Library establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the Library's Board through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose. The Library would typically use restricted fund balance first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these classified funds.

BASIS OF BUDGETING:

The Library adopted their annual budgets based on the modified accrual method of accounting. Expenditures were estimated by line-item basis, but approved on a functional basis. The Library included an estimated beginning fund balance within the approved budgets. The budgets can only be amended by the Board. Such amendments are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after year end as dictated by law. No revisions were made to the budgets during the year.

In the other supplemental information, the Library has provided line-item detail for the General Fund for informational purposes only.

ENCUMBRANCE ACCOUNTING:

Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year end and outstanding encumbrances at year end may be reappropriated in the next year. No reservation of fund balance equal to outstanding encumbrances at year end is required.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

USE OF ESTIMATES:

The Library uses estimates and assumptions in the preparation of the financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue and expenditures.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The Library evaluates events and transactions that occur after year end for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. These subsequent events have been considered through the auditors' opinion date.

NOTE B - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Library to deposit and invest in accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States government of Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involve no more than 50 percent of any one fund; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan.

The Library has designated financial institutions for the deposit of Library funds and has authorized the investment in certificates of deposit. The accounts maintained are checking, savings and certificates of deposit and are in accordance with statutory authority. The interest rates of the checking and savings accounts are at variable daily rates. The certificates of deposit are currently earning interest rates of .25 to 3.1%.

Investments consist of certificate of deposits with an original maturity date of greater than three months. The investments are carried at cost which approximates market value.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE B - DEPOSITS AND INVESMENTS - Continued

Interest rate risk – In accordance with its investment policy, the Library will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in the market interest rates, by; structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, liquid asset funds, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the Library's cash requirements.

Credit risk – State law limits investments in commercial paper and corporate bonds to a prime or better rating issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). The Library does not allow direct investment in commercial paper or corporate bonds.

Concentration of credit risk – The Library will minimize concentration of credit risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Library's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

Custodial credit risk for deposits – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the Library's deposits may not be recovered. As of December 31, 2021, \$2,008,275 of the Library's bank balance of \$2,258,275 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk for investments – For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Library will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The Library will minimize custodial credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities allowed by law; and prequalifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries and advisors with which the Library will do business.

Foreign currency risk – The Library is not authorized to invest in investments which have this type of risk.

NOTE C – DUE FROM COUNTY

As of December 31, 2021, the Library has amounts due from the County of Branch in the amount of \$10,000 for penal fines.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Branch District Library's governmental activities was as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

	Balance January 1,			Balance December 31,
	2021	Additions	Disposals	2021
GROUP:				
Books	\$ 526,801	\$ 108,852	\$ 89,517	\$ 546,136
Machinery and equipment	619,474	-	-	619,474
Leasehold improvements	101,714			101,714
Subtotal	1,247,989	108,852	89,517	1,267,324
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	ON:			
Books	313,390	89,075	89,517	312,948
Machinery and equipment	420,045	64,837	-	484,882
Leasehold improvements	30,595	6,781		37,376
Total accumulated depreciation	764,030	160,693	89,517	835,206
Net capital assets	\$ 483,959	\$ (51,841)	\$ -	\$ 432,118

Depreciation expense was charged to cultural activities of the Library in the amount of \$160,693.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE E – LONG-TERM DEBT

	alance uary 1,					alance ember 31,
	2021	Addi	tions	Rec	luctions	2021
Governmental Activities:						
Compensated Absences	\$ 34,300	\$		\$	8,800	\$ 25,500

Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$0 for Government-type Activities.

NOTE F – RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

The detail of the restricted fund balances presented in Governmental Funds are as follows:

Restricted:

Special Revenue Trust Fund:	
E. Dallen Memorial	\$ 3
G. Barnett Memorial	8,459
A. Barnett Memorial	21,407
Union City facilities	15,839
D. Shamuluas Memorial	58,682
K. Uhle Memorial	34
J. Morton Memorial	 29,891
Total Special Revenue Trust Fund restricted fund balance	134,315
Permanent Trust Fund:	
M. Semmelroth Memorial	50,000
E. Dallen Memorial	2,000
K. Uhle Memorial	5,000
G. Barnett Memorial	 90,134
Total Permanent Trust Fund restricted fund balance	 147,134
Total restricted fund balance	\$ 281,449

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE G – TAXES

The Library's property taxes are levied each December 1. Taxes are collected by the local governmental units within Branch County and are remitted to County of Branch, which in turn remits them to the Library.

The 2021 tax rate was 1.105 mills.

Personal property taxes are accounted for as revenue as received, therefore, no provision for uncollectible personal property taxes has been made in these financial statements.

NOTE H – LEASE AGREEMENT

The Library leases its facilities from the City of Coldwater. The initial term of the lease is for twenty-five years, with rent in the amount of \$1 per year.

NOTE I – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

The Library offers a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan available to all Library employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is generally not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

The Library funds all amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, at the direction of the covered employee, through investments approved by the plan's committee.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights are, held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the participating employees and are not assessable by the Library or its creditors.

The Library has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor.

The Library has established Money Purchase Plan for the Library Director and Assistant Director. The plan calls for contributions on the Director's behalf and contains no requirements for matching contributions from the participants. The Library contribution for the year ended December 31, 2020 amounted to \$5,500 and is recorded in the General Fund.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE J – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions and employee injuries. The Library has purchased commercial insurance for the coverage of the above discussed events.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Budgeted		
	Original	Final	Actual
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 1,716,000	\$ 1,716,000	\$ 1,759,254
State aid	40,337	40,337	40,728
Interest earned	12,000	12,000	15,117
Penal fines	180,000	180,000	131,493
Charges for services	12,000	12,000	12,111
Reimbursements	30,950	30,950	21,498
Other revenue	4,000	4,000	14,864
Total revenues	1,995,287	1,995,287	1,995,065
EXPENDITURES			
Cultural	2,126,544	2,126,544	1,871,214
Excess (deficiency)			
of revenues over			
expenditures	(131,257)	(131,257)	123,851
OTHER SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers from (to) other funds	44,000	44,000	77,445
Excess (defincency)			
of revenues over			
expenditures	(87,257)	(87,257)	201,296
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,991,054	1,991,054	1,515,903
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 1,903,797	\$ 1,903,797	\$ 1,717,199

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SPECIAL REVENUE TRUST FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts					
	Original		Final		Actual	
REVENUES						
Interest earned	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	1,465
Donations		25,000		25,000		59,785
Total revenues		27,000		27,000		61,250
EXPENDITURES						
Cultural						
Excess of revenues over expenditures		27,000		27,000		61,250
OTHER SOURCES AND (USES) Transfers from (to) other funds		(44,000)		(44,000)		(77,445)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other uses		(17,000)		(17,000)		(16,195)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		300,376		300,376		341,458
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$	283,376	\$	283,376	\$	325,263

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

CULTURAL	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Salaries	\$ 1,049,115	\$ 938,243	\$ (110,872)
Payroll taxes	83,929	71,782	(12,147)
Other benefits	12,000	6,686	(5,314)
Health insurance	199,700	200,189	489
Unemployment	-	824	824
Training and travel	24,900	12,697	(12,203)
Education reimbursement	5,000	-	(5,000)
Board per diem	4,200	1,175	(3,025)
Physical materials	129,000	138,221	9,221
Digital materials	47,000	42,439	(4,561)
Materials preparation	24,000	10,703	(13,297)
Programming	48,500	37,655	(10,845)
Rent	4,000	2,860	(1,140)
Utilities	63,000	59,182	(3,818)
Upkeep	203,000	142,875	(60,125)
Technology	36,000	36,670	670
Equipment maintenance	7,000	6,200	(800)
Office supplies	34,300	27,203	(7,097)
Consulting services	48,000	44,684	(3,316)
Licensing	52,000	42,265	(9,735)
Insurance	21,800	23,338	1,538
Memberships	28,700	23,584	(5,116)
Other expenditures	1,400	1,739	339
Total Cultural expenditures	\$ 2,126,544	\$ 1,871,214	\$ (255,330)



January 29, 2022

To the Members of the Branch District Library Branch County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining information of the Branch District Library as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned and scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information. Professional standards also require that we communicate that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Branch District Library are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Library during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statement was:

Estimates have been used in calculating the liability for employee compensated absences. The estimated liability is approximately \$25,500.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. No misstatements were detected as a result of audit procedures to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 29, 2022.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entities financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings and Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards with management each year prior to retention as the District Library auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Board of Directors Branch District Library Branch County, Michigan

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the government activities, each major fund and aggregate remaining information of the Branch District Library as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Branch District Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the following in Branch District Library's internal control to be material weaknesses:

- 1. The Organization does not have control procedures in place or a member of management with sufficient skills to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. As is common with smaller entities the Organization relies on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the financial statements. Auditors by definition cannot be considered part of the Organization's internal controls. The Organization has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of preparing the financial statements and has determined it is in the best interest of the Organization to outsource this task to its external auditors.
- 2. Due to the size of staff the Branch District Library lacks adequate segregation of duties. We understand due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the cost vs. benefit relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation. However, we do recognize the Library has implemented various procedures, to improve internal controls.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Members of the Branch District Library Board and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Taylor, Plant & Watkins, P.C.

TAYLOR, PLANT & WATKINS, P.C.