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\$160,000,000*
AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, OHIO
GENERAL OBLIGATION (Unlimited Tax)
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026

Consisting of:

\$12,500,000* LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A(Tax-Exempt)

-and-

\$147,500,000* LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026B (Federally Taxable)

The Bonds. The Series 2026A Bonds and the Series 2026B Bonds (together, the Bonds) are voted general obligations of the Library, issued to finance permanent improvements as described under Authorization and Purpose. Principal and interest, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of ad valorem property taxes, which taxes are without limitation as to amount or rate, on all property subject to ad valorem taxes in the Library.

Book Entry Only. The Bonds of each series will be initially issued only as fully registered Bonds, one for each maturity and interest rate within a maturity, issuable under a book entry system, registered initially in the name of The Depository Trust Company or its nominee (DTC). There will be no distribution of Bonds to the ultimate purchasers. The Bonds in certificated form as such will not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another nominee of DTC or as otherwise described in this Official Statement.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and accepted by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. (the Underwriter), subject to the opinion on certain legal matters relating to their issuance of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel to the Library. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Library by Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, as disclosure counsel to the Library. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP, Underwriter's Counsel. The Bonds are expected to be available for delivery to DTC or its agent on _____, 2026.



This Official Statement has been prepared by the Library in connection with its original offering for sale of the Bonds. The Cover includes certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of the Bond issue. Investors should read the entire Official Statement to obtain information as a basis for making informed investment judgments.

The date of this Official Statement is _____, 2026, and the information herein speaks only as of that date.

Dated: _____, 2026

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AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, OHIO

\$12,500,000*

**LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A
(Tax-Exempt)**

Dated: Closing Date

Tax Exemption. In the opinion of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel, under existing law, (i) assuming continuing compliance with certain covenants and the accuracy of certain representations, interest on the Series 2026A Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals, and (ii) interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Series 2026A Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. Interest on the Series 2026A Bonds may be subject to certain federal taxes imposed only on certain corporations. For a more complete discussion of the tax aspects, see **Tax Matters – Series 2026A Bonds**.

Payment. Principal and interest on the Series 2026A Bonds will be payable to the registered owner (DTC), principal upon presentation and surrender at the designated corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the Bond Registrar) and interest transmitted by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date (June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 2026) to the registered owner (DTC) as of the 15th day preceding that interest payment date.

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Due (December 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Yield	Price	CUSIP [†]
2042	\$ 1,010,000				
2043	11,490,000				

\$ _____ % Term Bonds due December 1, 20__; Yield _____ %; Price _____; CUSIP[†] _____

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Prior Redemption. The Series 2026A Bonds are subject to optional redemption by the Library prior to maturity, beginning _____ 1, 203 __, and Series 2026A Term Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption, as described in this Official Statement. See **Prior Redemption**.

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AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, OHIO

\$147,500,000*

**LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026B
(Federally Taxable)**

Dated: Closing Date

Tax Exemption. In the opinion of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel, under existing law, (i) interest on the Series 2026B Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and (ii) interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Series 2026B Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. For a more complete discussion of the tax aspects, see **Tax Matters – Series 2026B Bonds**.

Payment. Principal and interest on the Series 2026B Bonds will be payable to the registered owner (DTC), principal upon presentation and surrender at the designated corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the Bond Registrar) and interest transmitted by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date (June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 2026) to the registered owner (DTC) as of the 15th day preceding that interest payment date.

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Due (December 1)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Yield	Price	CUSIP [†]
2026	\$ 1,000,000				
2027	5,300,000				
2028	5,525,000				
2029	5,765,000				
2030	6,025,000				
2031	6,300,000				
2032	6,590,000				
2033	6,905,000				
2034	7,240,000				
2035	7,595,000				
2036	7,975,000				
2037	8,380,000				
2038	8,820,000				
2039	9,285,000				
2040	9,780,000				
2041	10,315,000				
2042	9,880,000				
2044	12,065,000				
2045	12,755,000				

\$ _____ % Term Bonds due December 1, 20 ____; Yield _____ %; Price _____; CUSIP[†] _____

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Prior Redemption. The Series 2026B Bonds are subject to optional redemption by the Library prior to maturity, beginning _____ 1, 203____, and Series 2026B Term Bonds are subject to mandatory redemption, as described in this Official Statement. See **Prior Redemption**.

REGARDING THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

This Official Statement does not constitute an offering of any security other than the original offering of the Bonds identified on the Cover (as defined herein). No dealer, broker, sales person or other person has been authorized by the Board of Library Trustees of the Library (the Library Board) to give any information or to make any representation other than as contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been given or authorized by the Library. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and there shall not be any sale of the Bonds by any person, in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful to make that offer, solicitation or sale.

The information in this Official Statement is provided by the Library in connection with the original offering of the Bonds. Reliance should not be placed on any other information publicly provided, in any format including electronic, by the Library for other purposes, including general information provided to the public or to portions of the public. The information in this Official Statement is subject to change without notice. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made under it shall, under any circumstances, give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Library since its date.

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The Ohio Municipal Advisory Council (OMAC) has requested that this paragraph be included in this Official Statement. Certain information contained in the Official Statement is attributed to OMAC. OMAC compiles information from official and other sources. OMAC believes the information it compiles is accurate and reliable, but OMAC does not independently confirm or verify the information and does not guaranty its accuracy. OMAC has not reviewed this Official Statement to confirm that the information attributed to it is information provided by OMAC or for any other purpose.

The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and dealer banks and banks acting as agent at prices lower than the public offering prices stated on the Cover, which public offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of their responsibility to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement has been prepared by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio (the Library), in connection with its original issuance and sale of the Library's Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026 (the Bonds), consisting of Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (Tax-Exempt) (the Series 2026A Bonds), and Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable) (the Series 2026B Bonds), identified on the Cover. Certain information concerning the Bonds, including their authorization, purpose, terms and security and sources of payment, and the Library is provided in this Official Statement.

This Introductory Statement briefly describes certain information relating to the Bonds and supplements certain information on the Cover. It is not intended as a substitute for the more detailed discussions in this Official Statement. Investors should read the entire Official Statement to obtain information as a basis for making informed investment judgments.

All financial and other information in this Official Statement has been provided by the Library from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources and except for certain information on the Cover and under **Underwriting**. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historical information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Library. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will necessarily continue or otherwise be predictive of future experience. See also **Regarding This Official Statement**.

This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety and no one subject should be considered less important than another by reason of location in the text. Reference should be made to laws, reports or documents referred to for more complete information regarding their contents. References to provisions of Ohio law, including the Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution, are references to those current provisions. Those provisions may be amended, repealed or supplemented.

As used in this Official Statement:

- “Beneficial Owner” means the owner of a book-entry interest in the Bonds, as defined in **Appendix E**.
- “City” means the City of Akron, Ohio.
- “County” means the County of Summit, Ohio.
- “County Council” means the County Council of the County.
- “County Fiscal Officer” means the County Fiscal Officer of the County.
- “Cover” means the cover page and the inside cover pages of this Official Statement.
- “Date of issuance” or “closing date” means the date of initial delivery of the Bonds against payment by the Underwriter.
- “Debt charges” means principal (including any mandatory sinking fund deposits and mandatory redemption payments), interest and any redemption premium payable on the obligations referred to as those payments come due and are payable; debt charges may also be referred to as “debt service.”

- “Fiscal Year” means the 12-month period ending December 31, and reference to a particular Fiscal Year (such as “Fiscal Year 2025”) means the Fiscal Year ending on December 31 in that year.
- “Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Financial Statements” means the Basic Financial Statements from the Library’s Financial Report for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 (Audited) attached as Appendix C.
- “Interest payment date” means each June 1 and December 1, beginning December 1, 2026.
- “Library Board” means the Board of Library Trustees of the Library.
- “Revised Code” means the Ohio Revised Code.
- “State” or “Ohio” means the State of Ohio.

The Bonds are issued by the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio. They are authorized by Chapters 133 and 3375 of the Revised Code, a vote of the electors and legislation adopted by the County Council and by the Library Board. The Bonds are issued for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving library buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing and improving the sites thereof. See **Authorization and Purpose**.

The Bonds are voted general obligations of the Library, the full faith and credit and general property taxing power of which are pledged to the payment of debt charges. Unless paid from other sources, debt charges are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem property taxes, which taxes are without limitation as to amount or rate. See **Security and Sources of Payment**.

The Authorizing Legislation (see **Authorization and Purpose**) provides that the Bonds will be issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or in whole multiples of \$5,000. The Bonds will be initially issued only as fully-registered bonds, one for each maturity and interest rate within a maturity, issuable under a book-entry system and registered initially in the name of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or its nominee (DTC).

Principal and interest will be payable to the registered owner (DTC). Principal of the Bonds will be payable on presentation and surrender at the designated corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar. See **Bond Registrar**. Interest on the Bonds will be transmitted by the Bond Registrar on each interest payment date (June 1 and December 1, beginning December 1, 2026) to the registered owner as of the 15th day preceding that interest payment date.

The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 203 ____, are subject to prior redemption on any date, by and at the sole option of the Library, in whole or in part as selected by the Library (in whole multiples of \$5,000), on or after June 1, 203 ____, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date. The Bonds are subject to mandatory prior redemption, as described in this Official Statement. See **Prior Redemption**.

The opinions as to (i) the validity of the Series 2026A Bonds and the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds and (ii) the validity of the Series 2026B Bonds and the tax status of the interest on the Series 2026B Bonds will be rendered by Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association (Bond Counsel). See **Legal Matters, Tax Matters and Appendix D**.

THE BONDS

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

The Bonds are to be issued pursuant to Chapters 133 and 3375 of the Revised Code, a vote of the electors residing within the boundaries of the Library at the election held on May 6, 2025, on the question (approved by a 68.42% affirmative vote) of issuing general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$160,000,000 and levying a property tax to retire those Bonds, Resolution No. 2026-102 adopted by the County Council on April 27, 2026, as the taxing and bond-issuing authority for the Library, a resolution adopted by the Library Board on March 26, 2026, and a Final Terms Certificate provided for by those resolutions (collectively, the **Authorizing Legislation**).

The Bonds are issued for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving library buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing and improving the sites thereof. See **The Library System – The Project**.

A portion (\$12,500,000) of the principal of the Series 2026A Bonds will be used to retire the Library’s outstanding \$12,500,000 Library Improvement Notes, Series 2026, dated March 17, 2026 and maturing on September 17, 2026 (the “Outstanding Notes”), which were issued for the purpose set forth in the paragraph immediately above.

Sources and Uses

The estimated sources and uses of funds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are as follows:

Sources of Funds	Series 2026A Bonds	Series 2026B Bonds	Total
Principal Amount			
Original Issue Premium/Discount			
Total Sources			
Uses of Funds			
Deposit to Project Fund			
Retire the Outstanding Notes			
Deposit to Bond Retirement Fund			
Costs of Issuance (a)			
Total Uses			

(a) Includes costs of the issuance of the Bonds and the Underwriter’s discount.

Any original issue premium received by the Library on the sale of the Bonds in excess of that used to fund the Project Fund as described above and to pay costs will be deposited in the Bond Retirement Fund. Money in that Fund is used to pay debt charges on Library debt obligations.

CERTAIN TERMS OF THE BONDS

General; Book-Entry System

The Bonds will be dated their date of original issuance, will be payable in the principal amounts and on the dates and will bear interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year and 12 30-day months) at the rates and be payable on the dates, at the place and in the manner, all as described on the Cover.

The Bond Registrar will act as the paying agent for the Bonds and will keep all books and records necessary for registration, exchange and transfer of the Bonds. See **Bond Registrar**.

The Bonds will be delivered in book-entry-only form and, when issued, registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company (DTC), New York, New York, or its nominee Cede & Co., which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. For discussion of the book-entry system and DTC and the replacement of Bonds in the event that the book-entry system is discontinued, see **Appendix E**.

Prior Redemption

The Bonds are subject to mandatory and optional redemption as follows.

Mandatory Redemption

The Series 2026A Bonds maturing on December 1, 20__ (the Series 2026A 20__ Term Bonds), are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in part by lot pursuant to the terms of the mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements of the Authorizing Legislation, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date, on December 1 of the years shown in, and according to, the following schedule.

Year	Term Bond Amount
	\$
	(a)

(a) Remaining principal balance scheduled to be paid at the stated maturity of the corresponding Term Bonds.

Term Bonds redeemed by other than mandatory redemption, or purchased for cancellation, may be credited against the applicable mandatory redemption requirement for the corresponding Term Bonds.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on and after December 1, 203__, are subject to prior redemption, by and at the sole option of the Library, in whole or in part as selected by the Library (in whole multiples of \$5,000), on any date on or after June 1, 203__, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus interest accrued to the redemption date.

Selection of Bonds and Book-Entry Interests to be Redeemed

If fewer than all outstanding Bonds are called for optional redemption at one time, the Bonds to be called will be called as selected by, and selected in a manner as determined by, the Library.

If less than all of an outstanding Bond of one maturity under a book-entry system is to be called for redemption (in the amount of \$5,000 or any whole multiple), the Bond Registrar will give notice of redemption only to DTC as registered owner. The selection of the book-entry interests in that Bond to be redeemed is discussed below under **Notice of Call for Redemption; Effect**.

If bond certificates are issued to the ultimate owners, and if fewer than all of the Bonds of a single maturity are to be redeemed, the selection of Bonds (or portions of Bonds in the amount of \$5,000 or any whole multiple) to be redeemed will be made by lot in a manner determined by the Bond Registrar.

In the case of a partial redemption by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000 are then outstanding, each \$5,000 unit of principal will be treated as if it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000.

Notice of Call for Redemption; Effect

The Bond Registrar is to cause notice of the call for redemption, identifying the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed, to be sent by first-class mail, at least 30 days prior to the redemption date, to the registered owner (initially, DTC) of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the Register on the 15th day preceding that mailing. Any defect in the notice or any failure to receive notice by mailing will not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of any Bonds.

On the date designated for redemption, Bonds or portions of Bonds called for redemption shall become due and payable. If the Bond Registrar then holds sufficient money for payment of debt charges payable on that redemption date, interest on each Bond (or portion of a Bond) so called for redemption will cease to accrue on that date.

So long as all Bonds are held under a book-entry system by a securities depository (such as DTC), a call notice is to be sent by the Bond Registrar only to the depository or its nominee. Selection of book-entry interests in the Bonds called, and giving notice of the call to the owners of those interests called, is the sole responsibility of the depository and of its Direct Participants and Indirect Participants. Any failure of the depository to advise any Direct Participant, or of any Direct Participant or any Indirect Participant to notify the Beneficial Owners, of any such notice and in its content or effect will not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of any Bonds or portions of Bonds. See **Appendix E**.

SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT

The Bonds will be voted general obligation debt of the Library payable from the sources described, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, and other laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally; to the application of equitable principles, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity; to the exercise of judicial discretion; and to limitations on legal remedies against public entities.

Basic Security

The basic security for payment of the Bonds is the requirement that the County Council, as taxing authority for the Library, levy ad valorem property taxes that are unlimited as to amount or rate to pay debt charges on the Bonds. The State constitution specifically prohibits a subdivision such as the Library from incurring general obligation indebtedness unless the authorizing legislation makes provision “for levying and collecting annually by taxation an amount sufficient to pay” the debt charges on the bonds. (Ohio Constitution Article XII Section 11.)

The Ohio Supreme Court has stated:

“Section 11 of Article XII of the Constitution of Ohio imposes a mandatory duty upon the State and its political subdivisions to pay the interest and principal of their indebtedness before provisions are to be made for current operating expenses.” *State ex rel. Nat’l City Bank v. Bd. of Ed. of the Cleveland City School District*, 52 Ohio St. 2d 81, 85 (1977).

See the further discussions under **Ad Valorem Property Taxes and Library Debt and Other Long-Term Obligations**.

Ohio law requires the County Council, as taxing authority for the Library, to levy and collect that property tax to pay debt charges on the Bonds as they come due, unless and to the extent those debt charges are paid from other sources.

The Authorizing Legislation provides further security by making a pledge of the full faith and credit and the general property taxing power of the Library for the payment of debt charges on the Bonds as they come due. Included in that pledge are all funds of the Library, except those specifically limited to another use or prohibited from that use by the Ohio Constitution, or Ohio or federal law. Those exceptions include tax levies voted for specific purposes or expressly pledged to certain obligations. A similar pledge is made in each resolution authorizing voted or unvoted general obligation debt.

Enforcement of Rights and Remedies

In addition to the right of individual bondholders to sue upon their particular Bonds, Ohio law authorizes the holders of not less than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Bonds, whether or not then due and payable or reduced to judgment, to bring mandamus or other actions to enforce all contractual or other rights of the bondholders, including the right to require the County Council, as the taxing authority for the Library, to levy, collect and apply the voted property taxes and other pledged receipts, if any, to pay debt charges and to perform its duties under law. Those bondholders may, in the case of any default in payment of debt charges, bring action to require the Library to account as if it were the trustee of an express trust for the bondholders or to enjoin any acts that may be unlawful or in violation of bondholder rights. See also Appendix E.

The State has pledged to and agreed with holders of securities such as the Bonds that

“...the state will not, by enacting any law or adopting any rule, repeal, revoke, repudiate, limit, alter, stay, suspend, or otherwise reduce, rescind, or impair the power or duty of a subdivision to exercise, perform, carry out, and fulfill its responsibilities or covenants under this chapter [Chapter 133, the State’s Uniform Public Securities Law] or legislation or agreements as to its Chapter 133. securities, including a credit enhancement facility, passed or entered into pursuant to this chapter, or repeal, revoke, repudiate, limit, alter, stay, suspend, or otherwise reduce, rescind, or impair the rights and remedies of any such holders fully to enforce such responsibilities, covenants, and agreements or to enforce the pledge and agreement of the State contained in this division, or otherwise exercise any sovereign power materially impairing or materially inconsistent with the provisions of such legislation, covenants, and agreements.” (Section 133.25(D) of the Revised Code.)

Bankruptcy

Federal and State laws provide procedures for the adjustment of indebtedness of political subdivisions, such as the Library. Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code would permit the Library to make such an adjustment if (i) it were “insolvent” (i.e., the Library was not paying its debt charges as they came due or it was unable to pay those debt charges as they became due), (ii) it met certain other criteria (e.g., having negotiated in good faith with its creditors and failed to reach agreement or such negotiation was impractical because of time restrictions, the number of creditors or other reasons) and (iii) it were authorized under State law (by legislation or by a governmental officer) to seek relief under Chapter 9. The State’s Uniform Public Securities Law provides that the Library or any other subdivision must obtain the approval of the State Tax Commissioner in order to file a bankruptcy petition stating that it is insolvent and “that it desires to effect a plan for the composition or adjustment of its debts and to take such further proceedings” under the Bankruptcy Code. That law also states:

“No taxing subdivision shall be permitted, in availing itself of such acts of congress [the Bankruptcy Code], to scale down, cut down, or reduce the principal sum of its securities, except that interest thereon may be reduced in whole or in part.” (Section 133.36 of the Revised Code.)

The County may also initiate proceedings under the Bankruptcy Code. Because it collects, distributes or otherwise provides revenues to the Library, and is the Library's taxing authority, the Library's financial condition could be affected by such an action.

Refunding

State law authorizes the refunding and advance refunding of all or a portion of the Bonds. If the Library places in escrow either money or direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed as to payment by, the United States, or a combination of both, that with investment income thereon will be sufficient for the payment of debt charges on the refunded Bonds, those Bonds will no longer be considered to be outstanding. They will also not be considered in determining any direct or indirect limitation on Library indebtedness, and the levy of taxes to pay debt charges on them will not be required. For this purpose, direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States include rights to receive payments or portions of payments of the principal of or interest or other investment income on (i) those U.S. obligations and (ii) other obligations fully secured as to payment by those U.S. obligations and the interest or other investment income on those obligations.

LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the appropriate Library officials, no litigation or administrative action or proceeding is pending restraining or enjoining, or seeking to restrain or enjoin, the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, or the levy and collection of taxes to pay the debt charges on the Bonds, or contesting or questioning the proceedings and authority under which the Bonds have been authorized and are to be issued, sold, signed or delivered, or the validity of the Bonds. The Library will deliver to the Underwriter a certificate to that effect at the time of original delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriter.

The Library is not at present, but is on occasion, a party to legal proceedings seeking damages or injunctive or other relief and generally incidental to its operations. No such proceedings have been related to the Bonds or the security for the Bonds, or the permanent improvements being financed, nor have any such proceedings, in the opinion of the appropriate Library officials, had a material adverse effect on the Library's operating revenues.

Under current Ohio law, Library money, accounts and investments are not subject to attachment to satisfy tort judgments in State courts against the Library. See also **Library Facilities; Insurance**.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters incident to the issuance of the Bonds and with regard to the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds and the tax status of interest on the Series 2026B Bonds (see **Tax Matters**) are subject to the opinion of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel to the Library. The signed legal opinions of Bond Counsel, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Appendix D**, dated and premised on law in effect on the date of issuance of the Bonds, will be delivered on the date of issuance of the Bonds. The texts of the opinions to be delivered may vary from the texts as set forth in **Appendix D** if necessary to reflect facts and law on the date of delivery. The opinions will speak only as of their date, and subsequent distribution of an opinion by recirculation of this Official Statement or otherwise shall create no implication that Bond Counsel has reviewed or expresses any opinion concerning any of the matters referred to in the opinion subsequent to its date.

The opinions of Bond Counsel and any other legal opinions and letters of counsel to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions or advice regarding the legal issues and other matters expressly addressed therein. By rendering a legal opinion or advice, the giver of such opinion or advice does not become an insurer or guarantor of

the result indicated by that opinion, or the transaction on which the opinion or advice is rendered, or of the future performance of parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP.

Bond Counsel has drafted those portions of this Official Statement under the captions **Certain Terms of the Bonds** (excluding certain information concerning the book-entry system there and in **Appendix E**), **Security and Sources of Payment** and **Tax Matters**. Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, both in its capacity as Bond Counsel and as Disclosure Counsel to the Library, and others, including the Underwriter and its counsel, have assisted the Library with its preparation of certain other portions of this Official Statement and have participated with responsible Library officials in telephone conferences and meetings where information contained in this Official Statement was reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Bond and Disclosure Counsel and those other parties, however, have not been engaged to, and will not, independently confirm or verify that information or any other information provided by the Library or others, and will not express an opinion as to the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any such information or any other reports, financial information, offering or disclosure documents or other information pertaining to the Bonds that may be prepared or made available by the Library or others to potential or actual purchasers of the Bonds, to owners of the Bonds, including Beneficial Owners, or to others.

In addition to rendering its opinions, Bond Counsel will assist in the preparation of and advise the Library concerning documents for the bond transcript. The Library may also retain the legal services of that law firm from time to time as special counsel in connection with matters that do not relate to Library financings. Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association also serves and has served as bond counsel for one or more of the political subdivisions that the Library territorially overlaps and has served as counsel to the Underwriter in connection with matters that do not relate to the Bonds.

TAX MATTERS

Series 2026A Bonds

In the opinion of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel, under existing law: (i) interest on the Series 2026A Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; and (ii) interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Series 2026A Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any other tax consequences regarding the Series 2026A Bonds.

The opinion on federal tax matters will be based on and will assume the accuracy of certain representations and certifications, and continuing compliance with certain covenants, of the Library contained in the transcript of proceedings and that are intended to evidence and assure the foregoing, including that the Series 2026A Bonds are and will remain obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Bond Counsel will not independently verify the accuracy of the Library's certifications and representations or the continuing compliance with the Library's covenants.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority and covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authority. It represents Bond Counsel's legal judgment as to exclusion of interest on the Series 2026A Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes but is not a guaranty of that conclusion. The opinion is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or any court. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion about (i) the effect of future changes in the Code and the applicable regulations under the Code or (ii) the interpretation and the enforcement of the Code or those regulations by the IRS.

The Code prescribes a number of qualifications and conditions for the interest on state and local government obligations to be and to remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, some of which require future or continued compliance after issuance of the obligations. Noncompliance with these requirements by the Library may cause loss of such status and result in the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds. The Library has covenanted to take the actions required of it for the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds to be and to remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and not to take any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion. After the date of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds, Bond Counsel will not undertake to determine (or to so inform any person) whether any actions taken or not taken, or any events occurring or not occurring, or any other matters coming to Bond Counsel's attention, may adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Series 2026A Bonds or the market value of the Series 2026A Bonds.

Interest on the Series 2026A Bonds may be subject: (1) to a federal branch profits tax imposed on certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States; (2) to a federal tax imposed on excess net passive income of certain S corporations; and (3) to the alternative minimum tax imposed under Section 55(b) of the Code on "applicable corporations" (within the meaning of Section 59(k) of the Code). Under the Code, the exclusion of interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes may have certain adverse federal income tax consequences on items of income, deduction or credit for certain taxpayers, including financial institutions, certain insurance companies, recipients of Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, those that are deemed to incur or continue indebtedness to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations, and individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit. The applicability and extent of these and other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status or other tax items of the owner of the Series 2026A Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding those consequences.

Payments of interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Series 2026A Bonds, are generally subject to IRS Form 1099-INT information reporting requirements. If a Series 2026A Bond owner is subject to backup withholding under those requirements, then payments of interest will also be subject to backup withholding. Those requirements do not affect the exclusion of such interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Series 2026A Bonds ends with the issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Library or the owners of the Series 2026A Bonds regarding the tax status of interest thereon in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. The IRS has a program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether the interest thereon is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS does audit the Series 2026A Bonds, under current IRS procedures, the IRS will treat the Library as the taxpayer and the beneficial owners of the Series 2026A Bonds will have only limited rights, if any, to obtain and participate in judicial review of such audit. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Series 2026A Bonds for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of other obligations presenting similar tax issues, may affect the market value of the Series 2026A Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Series 2026A Bonds upon their original issuance at prices other than the respective prices indicated on the Cover, and prospective purchasers of the Series 2026A Bonds at other

than their original issuance, should consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

Risk of Future Legislative Changes and/or Court Decisions

Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress and may also be considered by the State legislature. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment of obligations such as the Series 2026A Bonds. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest or other income on the Series 2026A Bonds or the market value or marketability of the Series 2026A Bonds. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax), or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Series 2026A Bonds from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

For example, federal tax legislation that was enacted on December 22, 2017 reduced corporate tax rates, modified individual tax rates, eliminated many deductions, repealed the corporate alternative minimum tax that was in effect at that time, and eliminated the tax-exempt advance refunding of tax-exempt bonds and tax-advantaged bonds, among other things. Additionally, investors in the Series 2026A Bonds should be aware that future legislative actions might increase, reduce or otherwise change (including retroactively) the financial benefits and the treatment of all or a portion of the interest on the Series 2026A Bonds for federal income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers. In all such events, the market value of the Series 2026A Bonds may be affected and the ability of holders to sell their Series 2026A Bonds in the secondary market may be reduced.

Investors should consult their own financial and tax advisors to analyze the importance of these risks.

Original Issue Discount and Original Issue Premium

Certain of the Series 2026A Bonds (Discount Bonds) may be offered and sold to the public at an original issue discount (OID). OID is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity (the principal amount) over the “issue price” of a Discount Bond. The issue price of a Discount Bond is the initial offering price to the public (other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of underwriter or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of the same maturity is sold pursuant to that offering. For federal income tax purposes, OID accrues to the owner of a Discount Bond over the period to maturity based on the constant yield method, compounded semiannually (or over a shorter permitted compounding interval selected by the owner). The portion of OID that accrues during the period of ownership of a Discount Bond (i) is interest excluded from the owner’s gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent, and subject to the same considerations discussed above, as other interest on the Series 2026A Bonds, and (ii) is added to the owner’s tax basis for purposes of determining gain or loss on the maturity, redemption, sale or other disposition of that Discount Bond. A purchaser of a Discount Bond in the initial public offering at the issue price (described above) for that Discount Bond who holds that Discount Bond to maturity will realize no gain or loss upon the retirement of that Discount Bond.

Certain of the Series 2026A Bonds (Premium Bonds) may be offered and sold to the public at a price in excess of their stated redemption price at maturity (the principal amount). That excess constitutes bond premium. For federal income tax purposes, bond premium is amortized over the period to maturity of a Premium Bond, based on the yield to maturity of that Premium Bond (or, in the case of a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on

the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on that Premium Bond), compounded semiannually. No portion of that bond premium is deductible by the owner of a Premium Bond. For purposes of determining the owner's gain or loss on the sale, redemption (including redemption at maturity) or other disposition of a Premium Bond, the owner's tax basis in the Premium Bond is reduced by the amount of bond premium that is amortized during the period of ownership. As a result, an owner may realize taxable gain for federal income tax purposes from the sale or other disposition of a Premium Bond for an amount equal to or less than the amount paid by the owner for that Premium Bond. A purchaser of a Premium Bond in the initial public offering who holds that Premium Bond to maturity (or, in the case of a callable Premium Bond, to its earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on that Premium Bond) will realize no gain or loss upon the retirement of that Premium Bond.

Owners of Discount and Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the determination for federal income tax purposes of the existence of OID or bond premium, the determination for federal income tax purposes of the amount of OID or bond premium properly accruable or amortizable in any period with respect to the Discount or Premium Bonds, other federal tax consequences in respect of OID and bond premium, and the treatment of OID and bond premium for purposes of state and local taxes on, or based on, income.

Series 2026B Bonds

In the opinion of Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association, Bond Counsel, under existing law: (i) interest on the Series 2026B Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (ii) interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Series 2026B Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any other tax consequences regarding the Series 2026B Bonds. The legal defeasance of the Series 2026B Bonds might result in a deemed sale or exchange of the Series 2026B Bonds under certain circumstances; owners of the Series 2026B Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the federal income tax consequences of such an event. Prospective purchasers of the Series 2026B Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the federal, state and local, and foreign tax consequences of their acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the Series 2026B Bonds.

The following discussion is generally limited to "U.S. owners," meaning beneficial owners of Series 2026B Bonds that for United States federal income tax purposes are either individual citizens or residents of the United States or corporations or other entities taxable as corporations created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia). Partnerships (including entities treated as partnerships for United States federal income tax purposes) holding Series 2026B Bonds, and partners in such partnerships, and estates or trusts holding Series 2026B Bonds, and beneficiaries of such estates or trusts, should consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the Series 2026B Bonds (including their status as U.S. owners).

Prospective purchasers of the Series 2026B Bonds upon their original issuance at prices other than the respective prices indicated on the inside cover of this Official Statement, and prospective purchasers of the Series 2026B Bonds at other than their original issuance, should consult their own tax advisors regarding other tax considerations such as the consequences of market discount, as to all of which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

Payment of Interest

In general, interest paid or accrued on the Series 2026B Bonds, including qualified stated interest on Discount Bonds (as defined below), if any, will be treated as ordinary income to U.S. owners. A U.S.

owner using the accrual method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes must include interest paid or accrued on the Series 2026B Bonds in ordinary income as the interest accrues, while a U.S. owner using the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes must include interest in ordinary income when payments are received or constructively received by the owner, except as described below under Original Issue Discount and Original Issue Premium.

Original Issue Discount and Original Issue Premium

Certain of the Series 2026B Bonds (Discount Bonds) may be offered and sold to the public at an original issue discount (OID). OID is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity (the principal amount) over the “issue price” of a Discount Bond, provided that excess equals or exceeds a statutory de minimis amount (one-quarter of one percent of the Discount Bond’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to its maturity (or, if required by applicable Treasury Regulations, to an earlier call date)). The issue price of a Discount Bond is the initial offering price to the public (other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of Underwriter or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of the same maturity is sold pursuant to that offering. For federal income tax purposes, OID accrues to the owner of a Discount Bond over the period to maturity based on the constant yield method, compounded semiannually (or over a shorter permitted compounding interval selected by the owner). The portion of OID that accrues during the time a U.S. owner owns a Discount Bond (i) is interest includable in the U.S. owner’s gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) is added to the U.S. owner’s tax basis for purposes of determining gain or loss on the maturity, redemption, sale, or other disposition of the Discount Bond. The effect of OID is to accelerate the recognition of taxable income for a U.S. owner who uses the cash method of accounting during the term of the Discount Bond.

Certain of the Series 2026B Bonds (Premium Bonds) may be offered and sold to the public at a price in excess of their stated redemption price at maturity (the principal amount). If a U.S. owner purchases a Premium Bond, that owner will be considered to have purchased such Premium Bond with “amortizable bond premium” equal in amount to such excess. The U.S. owner may elect (which election shall apply to all securities purchased at a premium by such U.S. owner), in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 171 of the Code, to amortize that premium as an offset to the interest payments on the Premium Bond using a constant yield to maturity method over the remaining term of the Premium Bond (or, if required by applicable Treasury Regulations, to an earlier call date). Pursuant to Section 67(b)(11) of the Code, the amortization of that premium is not considered a miscellaneous itemized deduction. Any amortization of bond premium will reduce the basis of the Premium Bond pursuant to Section 1016(a)(5) of the Code.

Owners of Discount and Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the determination for federal income tax purposes of the existence of OID or bond premium, the determination for federal income tax purposes of the amount of OID or bond premium properly accruable or amortizable in any period with respect to the Discount or Premium Bonds, other federal tax consequences in respect of OID and bond premium, and the treatment of OID and bond premium for purposes of state and local taxes on, or based on, income.

Sale, Exchange, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition of Series 2026B Bonds

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Series 2026B Bond, a U.S. owner will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized from the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition and the owner’s adjusted basis in the Series 2026B Bond or applicable portion of the adjusted basis. The owner’s adjusted basis generally will equal the cost of the Series 2026B Bond to the owner, increased by any OID includable in the owner’s ordinary income for the Series 2026B Bond and reduced by any principal payments on the Series 2026B Bond previously received

by the owner (including any other payments on the Series 2026B Bond that are not qualified stated interest payments) and by any amortizable bond premium allowed as a deduction as described above under Original Issue Discount and Original Issue Premium. Any gain or loss recognized upon a sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a Series 2026B Bond (excluding amounts attributable to accrued interest or OID) will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. owner's holding period in the Series 2026B Bond exceeds one year. Long-term capital gains of individuals are currently eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

General information reporting requirements will apply to payments of principal and interest made on the Series 2026B Bonds and the proceeds of the sale of Series 2026B Bonds to non-corporate holders of the Series 2026B Bonds, and "backup withholding," currently at a rate of 24%, will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number in the manner required or fails to report all interest required to be shown on its federal income tax returns. A beneficial owner of Series 2026B Bonds that is a U.S. owner generally can obtain complete exemption from backup withholding by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification).

Medicare Tax Affecting U.S. Owners

A U.S. owner that is an individual is subject to a 3.8% Medicare tax on the lesser of (1) the U.S. owner's "net investment income" for the taxable year and (2) the excess of the U.S. owner's modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year over a certain threshold (which in the case of individuals is between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the individual's circumstances). A U.S. owner's net investment income generally includes interest income on, and net gains from the disposition of, Series 2026B Bonds, unless such interest income or net gains are derived in the ordinary course of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). A U.S. owner that is an individual should consult its tax advisor regarding the applicability of the Medicare tax.

Non-U.S. Owners

Under the Code, interest and OID on any Series 2026B Bond whose beneficial owner is not a U.S. owner is generally not subject to United States income tax or withholding tax (including backup withholding) if the non-U.S. owner provides the payor of interest on the Series 2026B Bonds with an appropriate statement as to its status as a non-U.S. owner. This statement can be made on IRS Form W-8BEN or a successor form. If, however, the non-U.S. owner conducts a trade or business in the United States and the interest or OID on the Series 2026B Bonds held by the non-U.S. owner is effectively connected with such trade or business, that interest or OID will be subject to United States income tax but will generally not be subject to United States withholding tax (including backup withholding). The foregoing is a brief summary of certain federal income tax consequences to a non-U.S. owner. Non-U.S. owners should consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of an investment in the Series 2026B Bonds.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) generally imposes a 30% withholding tax on interest payments to (i) certain foreign financial institutions (including certain investment funds) that fail to certify their FATCA status and (ii) non-financial foreign entities if certain disclosure requirements related to direct and indirect United States shareholders are not satisfied. Proposed Treasury Regulations, which may be relied upon until final Treasury Regulations are promulgated, suspend the requirement to apply the 30% withholding tax to gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of Series 2026B Bonds. This

requirement otherwise would have applied to a sale or other disposition of Series 2026B Bonds made on or after January 1, 2019.

In the case of payments made to a “foreign financial institution” (generally including an investment fund), as a beneficial owner or as an intermediary, the FATCA withholding tax generally will be imposed, subject to certain exceptions, unless such institution (i) enters into (or is otherwise subject to) and complies with an agreement with the U.S. government (a FATCA Agreement) or (ii) is required by and complies with applicable foreign law enacted in connection with an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and a foreign jurisdiction (an IGA), in either case to, among other things, collect and provide to the U.S. or other relevant tax authorities certain information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution. In the case of payments made to a foreign entity that is not a financial institution (as a beneficial owner), the FATCA withholding tax generally will be imposed, subject to certain exceptions, unless such entity either provides the withholding agent with a certification that it does not have any “substantial” U.S. owner (generally, any specified U.S. person that directly or indirectly owns more than a specified percentage of such entity) or identifies its “substantial” U.S. owners.

If Series 2026B Bonds are held through a foreign financial institution that enters into (or is otherwise subject to) a FATCA Agreement, such foreign financial institution (or, in certain cases, a person paying amounts to such foreign financial institution) generally will be required, subject to certain exceptions, to withhold the 30% FATCA tax on payments of interest as described above made to (i) a person (including an individual) that fails to comply with certain information requests or (ii) a foreign financial institution that has not entered into (and is not otherwise subject to) a FATCA Agreement and that is not required to comply with FATCA pursuant to applicable foreign law enacted in connection with an IGA. Coordinating rules may limit duplicative withholding in cases where the withholding described above in **Non-U.S. Owners** or **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding** also applies.

If any amount of, or in respect of, U.S. withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from payments on Series 2026B Bonds as a result of a failure by an investor (or by an institution through which an investor holds the Series 2026B Bonds) to comply with FATCA, none of the Library, any paying agent or any other person would, pursuant to the terms of the Series 2026B Bonds, be required to pay additional amounts with respect to any Series 2026B Bond as a result of the deduction or withholding of such tax. ***Non-U.S. owners should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of FATCA to the ownership and disposition of Series 2026B Bonds.***

INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

General

The following discussion on investment considerations is not exclusive, and various investment considerations are specified throughout this Official Statement. This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety and no one investment consideration should be considered less important than another by reason of location in the text.

The Bonds, like other obligations of state and local governments, are subject to changes in value due to changes in the condition of the market for tax-exempt obligations or changes in the financial position of the Library.

It is possible under certain market conditions, or if the financial condition of the Library should change, that the market price of the Bonds could be adversely affected. With regard to the risk involved in a downward revision or withdrawal of the rating for the Bonds shown on the Cover, see “**RATING**” herein.

With regard to the risk involved in a loss of the exclusion from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation of interest payable on the Bonds, see “**TAX MATTERS**” herein.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors prior to any purchase of the Bonds as to the impact of the Code, upon their acquisition, holding or disposition of the Bonds.

Market for the Bonds

Subject to prevailing market conditions, the Underwriter intends, but are not obligated, to make a market in the Bonds. There is presently no secondary market for the Bonds and no assurance that a secondary market for the Bonds will develop or, if developed, will not be disrupted. Consequently, investors may not be able to resell the Bonds purchased should they need or wish to do so for emergency or other purposes.

Investment Suitability for Tax-Exempt Bonds

A primary test of the suitability of a tax-exempt obligation for an individual investor is a comparison of the yield the investor would have to earn on a taxable obligation to equal a tax-exempt yield in his or her income tax bracket. Individuals should consult with brokers or qualified financial or tax advisors to determine the taxable equivalent yield they could expect given their particular tax circumstances.

Prepayments of Principal

The Bonds allow the Library to prepay certain principal of the Bonds without penalty. (See “**CERTAIN TERMS OF THE BONDS – Prior Redemption – Optional Redemption.**”) If such Bonds were to be prepaid before scheduled maturity, the investor would not receive the anticipated yield through the scheduled maturity date. In such a prepayment situation there is no guarantee that the investor could reinvest the proceeds and receive a comparable yield for the period remaining until the scheduled maturity of such Bonds. The investor, therefore, may receive a lower total return for the period beginning on the date of purchase through the scheduled date of maturity than anticipated.

Considerations Regarding Real Property Tax Reform

From time to time, (i) legislative proposals may be introduced in the General Assembly, (ii) ballot initiatives may be proposed by electors, and (iii) court proceedings may be filed, which, in each case, if to become law, could alter or amend one or more of the ad valorem property tax matters referred to herein, which may have a materially adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds. See “**AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES - Considerations Regarding Real Property Tax Reform**” herein for more information on property tax reform bills that were recently enacted.

For example, a ballot initiative to amend the Ohio Constitution to abolish property taxes, the title and summary of which were certified by the Ohio Attorney General on May 9, 2025 and the Ohio Ballot Board on May 14, 2025, is currently being circulated for signatures to place it on the November 2026 ballot. In order to appear on the ballot, the petitioners must collect signatures from registered voters equal to at least 10% of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. Those signatures must come from voters in at least 44 of Ohio’s 88 counties, and for each of those counties the number must equal at least 5% of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. If sufficient signatures are verified by the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office at least 65 days before the election, the full text of the proposed amendment would be placed on the ballot at the next regular or general election that occurs subsequent to 125 days after the filing of such petition.

There can be no assurance that legislation enacted, ballot initiatives approved, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Bonds, will not have a materially adverse effect on the market value or marketability of the Bonds or the financial condition of the Library. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own counsel regarding pending or proposed State property tax legislation, related ballot initiatives, and court proceedings, as to all of which the Library, Bond Counsel, and the Underwriter express no opinion.

ELIGIBILITY FOR INVESTMENT AND AS PUBLIC MONEY SECURITY

To the extent that the matter as to the particular investor is governed by Ohio law, and subject to any applicable limitations under other provisions of Ohio law, the Bonds are lawful investments for banks, savings and loan associations, credit union share guaranty corporations, trust companies, trustees, fiduciaries, insurance companies (including domestic for life and domestic not for life), trustees or other officers having charge of sinking and bond retirement or other funds of the State and State subdivisions and taxing districts, the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the Administrator of Workers' Compensation, and State retirement systems (Teachers, Public Employees, Public School Employees, and Police and Fire), notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code or rules adopted pursuant to those provisions by any State agency with respect to investments by them.

The Bonds are acceptable under Ohio law as security for the repayment of the deposit of public money.

Beneficial Owners of the Bonds should make their own determination as to such matters as legality of investment in or pledgability of book-entry interests.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the Underwriter).

The Series 2026A Bonds are being sold to the Underwriter at a price of \$ _____. The initial offering price of the Series 2026A Bonds is \$ _____; therefore, the gross underwriting spread is \$ _____ from the public offering prices of the Series 2026A Bonds set forth on the Cover (the Series 2026A Bonds Offering Prices). The Series 2026B Bonds are being sold to the Underwriter at a price of \$ _____. The initial offering price of the Series 2026B Bonds is \$ _____; therefore, there is no gross underwriting spread from the public offering prices of the Series 2026B Bonds set forth on the Cover (the Series 2026B Bonds Offering Prices, and, together with the Series 2026A Bonds Offering Prices, the Offering Prices). In the Bond Purchase Agreement between the Underwriter and the Library, the Underwriter has agreed to wire funds to the Bond Registrar at closing for further distribution by the Bond Registrar to pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds from proceeds of the Series 2026A Bonds constituting a portion (\$ _____) of the purchase price.

The Underwriter has provided the information in this Official Statement pertaining to the Offering Prices and to the offering of the Bonds in the seventh paragraph of Regarding This Official Statement. As noted in that paragraph, the Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing into investment trusts) and others at prices lower than the Offering Prices. The Offering Prices may be changed after the initial offering by the Underwriter. The purchase of the Bonds by the Underwriter is subject to certain conditions and requires that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds, if any are purchased.

The Underwriter and its affiliates comprise a full service financial institution engaged in activities which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other

financial and non-financial activities and services. The Underwriter and its affiliates may have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to the Library and to persons and entities with relationships with the Library, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of these business activities, the Underwriter and its affiliates may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the Library (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the Library.

The Underwriter and its affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire such assets, securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the Library.

RATING

The Bonds have been rated “Aa3” by Moody’s Ratings. No application for a rating was made to any other rating service.

The rating reflects only the views of the rating service, and any explanation of the meaning or significance of the rating may only be obtained from the rating service. The Library furnished to the rating service certain information and materials, some of which may not have been included in this Official Statement, relating to the Bonds and the Library. Generally, rating services base their ratings on such information and materials and on their own investigation, studies and assumptions.

There can be no assurance that a rating when assigned will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating service if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any lowering or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market value of the Bonds.

The Library expects to furnish the rating service with information and materials that may be requested. The Library, however, assumes no obligation to furnish requested information and materials, and may issue debt for which a rating is not requested. Failure to furnish requested information and materials, or the issuance of debt for which a rating is not requested, may result in the suspension or withdrawal of a rating on the Bonds.

TRANSCRIPT AND CLOSING CERTIFICATES

A complete transcript of proceedings and a certificate (described under Litigation) relating to litigation will be delivered by the Library when the Bonds are delivered by the Library to the Underwriter. The Library at that time will also provide to the Underwriter a certificate, signed by the Library officials who sign this Official Statement and addressed to the Underwriter, relating to the accuracy and completeness of this Official Statement and to its being a “final official statement” in the judgment of the Board for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(3).

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

The Library has agreed, for the benefit of the holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the Rule), to provide or cause to be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board such annual financial information and operating data, audited

financial statements and notices of the occurrence of certain events in such manner as may be required for purposes of paragraph (b)(5)(i) of the Rule (the Continuing Disclosure Agreement). See Appendix F for the proposed form of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The foregoing information, data and notices can be obtained from:

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Fiscal Officer
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The performance by the Library of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement will be subject to the annual appropriation by the Library of any funds that may be necessary to perform it. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement will remain in effect only for such period that the Bonds are outstanding in accordance with their terms and the Library remains an obligated person with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule.

In the last five years, the Library has not had any outstanding debt that was subject to continuing disclosure obligations of the Rule. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement will be the Library's only undertaking pursuant to the Rule.

BOND REGISTRAR

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. will act as bond registrar, paying agent, transfer agent and authenticating agent for the Bonds (the Bond Registrar). The Bond Registrar will keep all books and records necessary for registration, exchange and transfer of the Bonds, in accordance with the terms of agreements between it and the Library. The Bond Registrar is a national banking association. It has designated its Cincinnati, Ohio, corporate trust office in connection with the Bonds.

THE LIBRARY

General Information

The Library is a county library district organized under Section 3375.20 of the Revised Code. The Library is composed of 14 northeastern Ohio school districts located in the County. Three of those school districts have boundaries extending into the County of Portage, however, that portion only accounts for approximately 0.62% of the total assessed valuation of the Library. The portion of the Library located within the County accounts for approximately 66.27% of the total assessed valuation of the County.

Based on U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, Summit County's population was approximately 538,000 as of July 1, 2024. The City of Akron is the largest municipality in the County and serves as the county seat.

Under U.S. Office of Management and Budget geographic classifications, Summit County is included in the Akron, Ohio Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is a component of the Cleveland–Akron–Canton, Ohio Combined Statistical Area.

The Library's area is approximately 306 square miles. Land use, as measured by the assessed value of real property, is presented in the following table.

**Percent of Assessed
Valuation of Real Property**

Residential	75.63%
Commercial/Industrial	18.55
Public Utility	5.08
Agricultural	0.75
Undeveloped	(a)

(a) Included in above categories.
Source: County Fiscal Officer.

The Library is served by a diversified, multimodal transportation network that supports convenient access throughout Summit County and the surrounding region. The area is connected by major interstate and state highways, including Interstates 76 and 77 and State Route 8, along with additional U.S. and state routes. Freight rail lines serve the region, providing rail connectivity for Northeast Ohio. Commercial air service is available at Akron–Canton Airport, with additional international and domestic service accessible at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Akron Fulton International Airport provides general aviation services. Public transportation is provided by METRO Regional Transit Authority, which operates bus service throughout Summit County and connects to neighboring communities. Banking and financial services are provided to the area by offices of local commercial banks and local savings and loan associations and local offices of numerous banks and savings and loan associations having principal offices elsewhere.

Board and Administration

Name	Began Service As Board Member in	Present Term Expires	Vocation in Private Life
John L. Frola, Jr.(a)	2007	05/15/2030	Consultant
William D. Rich (b)	2007	05/14/2028	Retired Professor of Law
Bernard Rochford (c)	2007	05/15/2031	Retired Non-Profit Executive
Joseph Ferrise	2022	05/14/2029	Attorney
T.K. Griffith	2025	05/14/2032	Educator
Angela Neeley	2019	06/16/2033	CFO, Akron Metro RTA
Ray L. Weber	2013	05/14/2027	Attorney

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary

The Executive Director, appointed by the Library Board, is the executive of the Library. The Library’s Executive Director is Michelle Alleman, who assumed the position effective February 3, 2026, after serving as Deputy Director since 2022 and Interim Executive Director beginning January 1, 2026. With 27 years of library experience, Alleman has worked in leadership roles at libraries across Ohio, including serving as library director of McKinley Memorial Library in Niles from 2016 to 2022, according to ASCPL. She previously spent three years as branch manager and early childhood librarian at the Firestone Park branch in Akron. Alleman has also worked in supervisory positions at the Cuyahoga County Public Library, the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library’s Willowick Branch, and the Westerville Public Library.

The Fiscal Officer of the Board is appointed by the Board for renewable one-year terms. Michelle Scarpitti is the present Fiscal Officer of the Library, being appointed in May, 2011. Ms. Scarpitti had served as the Deputy Fiscal Officer and then Interim Fiscal Officer since January, 2007. For a discussion of the duties of the Fiscal Officer, see **FINANCIAL MATTERS**.

THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

General Information

In January 1874, the Akron City Council passed an ordinance to create a free public library for the city. On February 27, 1874, the Library Board of the newly-formed Akron Public Library met for the first time, with John R. Buchtel serving as the first Board President. The Akron Public Library officially opened to the public in a building at the corner of Mill and South Howard streets on March 1, 1874. In 1974, the Library became the Akron-Summit County Public Library, incorporating suburban branch libraries into its system.

Today, the Akron-Summit County Public Library's official service area includes the City of Akron and all of Summit County except for Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Peninsula, Stow-Munroe Falls, and Twinsburg, all of which are served by independent libraries.

Library operations are funded primarily from proceeds of a 1.90-mill tax levy running for a period of six years (see Ad Valorem Property Taxes) and distributions from the State Public Library Fund (see Public Library Fund). The levy was last renewed in 2021

Employees

The Library had a full-time equivalent workforce of 272 as of April, 2026. In August, 2025, a portion of the Library's professional and non-professional staff elected to be represented in collective bargaining by the Services Employees International Union, District 1199, WV/KY/OH, The Healthcare And Social Service Union (the "Union"), with certain categories of employees excluded (including managers and security personnel). The Union will represent approximately 230 Library employees in professional and non-professional roles. The Library is currently negotiating with the Union and no initial collective bargaining agreement with the Union has been approved as of the date of this Official Statement.

In 2026, the Library has budgeted \$15,104,310 for salaries and wages and \$5,261,745 for fringe benefits (such as employer retirement system contributions, employee assistance program, short term disability, medical insurance, and life insurance premiums).

Of the current full-time equivalent staff, 110 are professional librarians, each having an accredited masters degree in library and information science (MLIS). Professional librarians hold various management positions, including the Executive Director position, at the Library in addition to the public staff librarian position. The current starting salary for a staff librarian position is \$44,284, and the maximum librarian salary is \$61,425.

Library Facilities; Insurance

The Library's facilities are:

Facility(a)(b)	Square Footage
Main Library	270,000
Branches	
Ellet	11,650
Fairlawn Bath	12,000
Firestone Park	12,000
Goodyear	11,900
Green	11,993
Highland Square	11,300
Kenmore	11,600
Maple Valley	11,655
Mogadore	11,960
Nordonia Hills	11,981
North Hill	12,000
Northwest Akron	11,965
Norton	11,075
Odom	11,987
Portage Lakes	12,000
Richfield	11,744
Springfield-Lakemore	11,150
Tallmadge	11,920

(a) Library property is exempt from ad valorem taxation.

(b) See **The Project**.

Property insurance through Cincinnati Insurance Company covers the Main Library with building coverage at \$62,100,000 and contents at \$23,348,168 subject to a \$500 deductible. Branch locations have blanket building coverage at \$36,186,000 and blanket contents limit at \$23,615,353 subject to a \$500 deductible and boiler and machinery insurance for all locations with limits equal to the property limits subject to a \$500 deductible.

The Library also has general liability insurance, commercial umbrella coverage and inland marine insurance (on Bookmobile contents and exhibition items) with Cincinnati Insurance Company. Coverage for general liability insurance is \$1,000,000 each occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate each year; commercial umbrella limit is \$7,000,000 each occurrence and aggregate each year; inland marine coverage is \$1,345,753 for bookmobile contents and \$30,000 for exhibition items and Blanket Computer Hardware and Software coverage with a limit of \$2,577,525.

The Library has Cyber insurance coverage with CFC Underwriting with a \$2,000,000 limit for each claim and Builder's Risk insurance with Intact Insurance Company with a limit of \$2,500,000 for each claim.

The Library has directors and officers insurance coverage and employment practices insurance coverage through Philadelphia Insurance Company, each in the amount of \$3,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate each year.

The Library has maintained and improved the Main Library and its branches, funded primarily from general operating revenues. Such maintenance and improvements include HVAC repairs and replacements, drainage repairs, elevator replacement, lighting upgrades, roof repairs, security system upgrades, entrance door repairs, and parking lot repairs at the Main Library and its 18 branches.

The Project

The Library’s Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan), updated and Board-approved in April, 2025, guides all Library decisions regarding how to allocate resources most effectively to maintain and improve the Library’s 19 buildings (a Main Library and 18 branches). The Master Plan was developed in partnership with Bostwick Design Partnership, a firm specializing in library design. Its recommendations were based on interviews with Library staff, agency questionnaires completed by branch managers, observations by the consultant team during site visits, building sizes, target user groups, circulation statistics, collection trends, customer visit statistics, neighborhood demographics and needs and building usage.

In-person community meetings, a community survey, and virtual focus group meetings with area leaders provided additional, direct community input indicating support for (i) expanding the Library’s footprint into places where population growth has outpaced current Library capacity, (ii) upgrading and expanding branches in key neighborhoods to ensure accessible and equitable Library services and amenities throughout the system, (iii) more meeting and study rooms and (iv) continued improvement for technology access.

The Master Plan, together with a comprehensive accessibility study and additional survey information and data, addresses current conditions while positioning the Library to continue to meet changing community needs through reconfiguration, renovation, expansion, and the potential replacement of existing facilities with new construction.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to make significant updates and improvements to all locations and to address the needs of growing and underinvested communities. As of 2026, branch buildings range from 18 to 38 years old. The Main Library, originally opened in its current location in 1969, had its last major capital renovation in 2004.

The Library currently anticipates using the Bond proceeds as follows: (a) approximately \$33,000,000 for the renovation of the Main Library, (b) approximately \$10,000,000 for the construction of the Springfield-Lakemore Branch and (c) approximately \$117,000,000 for the renovation of the other 17 branch libraries (approximately \$6.88 million per branch).

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Population

Recent Census population has been:

Year	City	County	MSA
1970	275,425	553,371	679,239
1980	237,177	524,472	660,328
1990	223,019	514,990	657,575
2000	217,074	542,899	694,960
2010	199,110	541,781	703,200
2020	197,375	540,428	702,219
2023	188,692	535,733	698,398
2024	189,669	538,370	702,209

2024 Census figures show the following breakdown by age groups of the population of Summit County.

Under 19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60+	Total
43,944	14,279	26,207	22,393	21,682	11,689	39,117	179,311

Educational attainment for the City’s, the County’s and the MSA’s population (25 years or older) is set forth in the following table.

	City		County		MSA	
Less than 9th Grade	5,209	4.0%	9,085	2.4%	11,039	2.3%
9th to 12th Grade (no diploma)	9,328	7.2	18,126	4.7	23,769	4.9
High School graduate (includes GED)	42,849	33.7	111,631	29.2	150,094	30.6
Some college, no degree	30,629	23.7	77,177	20.2	96,277	19.6
Associate degree	10,792	8.4	31,640	8.3	40,078	8.2
Bachelor degree	19,644	15.3	85,408	22.3	105,592	21.6
Graduate or professional degree	10,354	8.0	49,612	13.0	63,299	12.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Selected Source Characteristics in the United States 2019-2023.

INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The County is located within an eight-hour drive of half the U.S. population, over half the U.S. buying power and manufacturing activity, and almost two-thirds of the Canadian economy. Several major interstate highways run through the County, connecting it easily to most major U.S. metropolitan markets. Rail access throughout the County and proximity to the Port of Cleveland allow for easy distribution of materials and products. The County is also served by both Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and the Akron-Canton Airport.

The County boasts more than 420 trucking firms and distribution centers. Easy access to I-77, I-76, I-271, I-277, I-480 and the Ohio Turnpike make the County the ideal place for logistics companies and distribution centers. Major companies such as FedEx, FedEx Custom Critical, JRayl, and Schneider have located in and near Summit County. Amazon, Best Buy, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Signet Jewelers and Summit Racing have significant distribution operations in the County.

The County is currently home to a diversified economic base. Industries that have been significant contributors to the growing economic diversity of the County include the fields of polymers and advanced materials, advanced manufacturing, health care and biomedicine, logistics and distribution and technology, financial and professional services. The County is the home to a number of strong regional, national and international companies.

In 2025, over 30 major publicly traded, privately held or subsidiary companies were headquartered in the County, including two that were ranked among the 500 largest publicly traded industrial and non-industrial corporations in the United States by Fortune magazine in 2025. Each of these companies had annual revenues of more than \$1 billion. Those companies are as follows:

2025 Rank	Company	Location	Revenue (millions)	Nature of Business
235	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Akron	\$18,380	Rubber products
296	FirstEnergy Corp.	Akron	15,180	Electric Utility

Source: Fortune 500 Directory of largest U.S. Corporations, Ohio, 2025.

The City is located in the County, approximately 35 miles south of Cleveland. The City is home to world-renowned medical facilities, a minor league baseball team, the Akron Civic Theatre, Lock 3, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, the Towpath Trail and numerous parks. The City is rich in educational and

medical facilities, including the University of Akron, Stark State College of Technology-Akron Campus, the Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Akron Children’s Hospital, and Summa Akron City Hospital.

In 2019, the City of Akron created the Office of Integrated Development. The Office of Integrated Development is a reimagining and restructuring of several City departments to remove silos and deliver the highest quality of service to Akron’s residents, workers business owners and visitors. The Office of Integrated Development brings together the departments of Planning and Urban Development, Economic Development, Downtown Operations, Recreation and elements of the Engineering Bureau. The Office of Integrated Development frames its work around five key goals: to make Akron a destination for all, to transform economic opportunity, to advance strategic place-making and place-keeping policies, plans and practices to enhance the design and livability of Akron’s neighborhoods, to advance learning and creativity, and to create a more equitable Akron. Through the assistance of the Office of Integrated Development, the City, in 2023, attracted investments of over \$200 million and created over 400 new jobs.

Highlights of Key Industries

Polymer and Rubber Research and Development

Historically, the local economy has been associated with the rubber and plastics industry. Although the rubber industry’s contributions to the economy remain substantial, the focus of that industry in the region has changed from manufacturing to polymer and rubber research and development.

There are over 1,200 polymer and materials companies in Northeast Ohio, with Summit County sitting at its core. Within the next ten years, there will be a projected growth of \$26.8 billion in the polymer industry. Representing \$4 billion in output and \$10 billion in Gross Regional Product, the polymer and materials industry in the region is taking advantage of emerging opportunities in electric vehicles, renewables, the circular economy and robotics. More than 41,000 people are employed by polymer-related companies in the region, averaging \$55,000 in annual wages. To provide a deeper examination of the polymer industry, the Polymer Industry Cluster, a collaboration of private and public partners, was formed. The goal of this work is to elevate Northeast Ohio’s polymer industry into a dynamic enterprise that is better positioned for strong, sustainable growth in the global economy.

In October 2023, the Greater Akron region was designated as a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) through the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub, a consortium led by the Greater Akron Chamber, will tackle severe climate and environmental impacts caused using fossil fuel-derived polymers through accelerating sustainable polymer manufacturing. In July 2024, The Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub was awarded \$51MM in grant funding by the Economic Development Administration. This \$51 million federal investment will focus on key projects such as commercializing recycling end-of-life tires, development of sustainable polymer composites via liquid phase mixing, manufacturing of sustainable bio-based butadiene to produce green, synthetic rubber, and advancing the formulation of carbon nanotube-based polymer composites. This award has already attracted new companies to the Greater Akron region; Huntsman Corporation in Texas and California-based BioVerde will both establish operations in Greater Akron to engage in the Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub.

The University of Akron’s College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, the nation’s first, and largest, academic polymer science and polymer engineering program, is at the heart of the area’s polymer research activity. In 2023, the University’s program was recognized as the best polymer science and plastics engineering program in the United States and the third-best polymer science and plastics engineering program in the world by EduRank. A 146,000 square-foot Goodyear Polymer Center incorporates 8 large polymer synthesis groups with specialized labs for all categories of synthesis. It also contains supercomputer simulation and modeling capabilities, molecular and morphological

characterization labs, surface analysis facilities, a microscopy suite, a clean room, and thermal analysis and mechanical properties testing equipment. The 32,000 square-foot Polymer Engineering Academic Center is an office and teaching facility, incorporating the Akron Global Polymer Academy's (AGPA) headquarters. The center is connected to the Sidney L. Olson Research Center, a 70,000 square-foot facility that includes advanced laboratories for coatings, compounding, blending, extrusion, film blowing, blow molding, biaxial stretching, filament winding, and fiber spinning as well as specialized processing equipment. Morphological and thermal characterization labs along with mechanical testing and excimer laser facilities are included. The University of Akron is also home to the first Corrosion Engineering program in the United States, which relies heavily on its polymer science expertise to develop corrosion solutions.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's ("Goodyear") Global and North American Headquarters, Goodyear's Innovation Center, and the Technical Center of Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC ("Bridgestone") are located in the County. While neither company manufactures commercial tires in the County any longer, each is critical to polymer research and development and supports hundreds of suppliers in the region. Additionally, these companies, and the suppliers they support, are responsible for employing thousands of individuals in the County and Northeast Ohio.

Goodyear's Global and North American Headquarters have been located in Akron for more than 100 years. In 2013, Goodyear opened a new \$160 million Global and North American Headquarters. In addition to the new headquarters, \$30 million in renovations were made to Goodyear's Innovation Center and a \$40 million parking deck was constructed to serve the Goodyear campus. Additionally, both public and private improvements have been made to the surrounding neighborhood, including the conversion of the former Goodyear facilities into commercial, retail, and residential space. The County contributed \$10.2 million to the construction of Goodyear's new Global and North American Headquarters and \$4.8 million to the renovation of the Innovation Center. The City, State, and Development Finance Authority also provided financial assistance to Goodyear for the project. In exchange for the assistance provided by the County, the City, and the State, Goodyear agreed to retain 2,900 jobs (including contracted parties) in the County.

Bridgestone opened a new state-of-the-art \$100 million Technical Center in the City in 2012. The County contributed \$7.3 million to the project, which funded the construction of a public parking deck and a portion of the skywalk between the deck and the new Technical Center. The City contributed \$3.1 million to the construction costs of the project and an additional \$10 million for the redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhood. In exchange for the assistance provided by the County, the City, the State, and the Development Finance Authority, Bridgestone agreed to retain 1,000 employees (including contracted parties) in the County for at least 20 years. This commitment ensures that Bridgestone and its suppliers will remain critical components of the County's economy. It also ensures that a significant amount of advanced polymer research will continue to be performed in the County.

In 2022, Bridgestone completed and opened its new race tire manufacturing facility in the City near its Technical Center. The facility replaces an existing race tire unit in the original Firestone Plant One building, also located in the City. This new facility marks the first major investment in tire manufacturing within the County and the City in several decades and highlights a deepened commitment to the region from Bridgestone.

The retention and growth of these Goodyear and Bridgestone facilities provide an anchor for the sustainability of the polymer industry in the County and the ongoing economic vitality of the County. However, the County is rich in several other polymer-related firms.

Medical Industry and Biomedical Innovation

The County, the City, and private partners have focused substantial economic development efforts on expanding the historically strong medical industry in the County by promoting biomedical research and innovation. Five acute care hospitals are located in the County: Akron City Hospital, Western Reserve Hospital, and Summa Barberton Citizens Hospital, which are all a part of the Summa Health system (“Summa”), Cleveland Clinic Akron General (“CCAG”), and Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron (“Akron Children’s”). Additionally, the three hospital systems operate several acute care, family health care, urgent care, and emergency care satellite operations throughout the County and Northeast Ohio.

Summa, a nonprofit system, is one of the largest healthcare delivery systems in the State. Summa has 1,023 beds, approximately 1,000 credentialed physicians at its facilities in the region, which total more than 3 million square feet, and employs around 8,400 employees, nurses, and health care professionals. Encompassing a network of hospitals, community health centers, a health insurance plan with more than 60,000 members, research operations, and a foundation, Summa has more than \$1B in annual net patient revenue. In 2024, Summa’s Akron and Barberton campuses were awarded Healthgrades 2024 America’s 50 Best Hospitals Award.

The second largest hospital system in the County, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, was acquired by the Cleveland Clinic at the end of 2015. CCAG is a nonprofit system, which has grown to a 532-registered-bed, adult, tertiary care, not-for-profit, teaching hospital. Today it is staffed with nearly 5,700 employees, including over 1,150 physicians, and is also supported by more than 550 volunteers.

CCAG has placed a major emphasis on developing wellness programs for the population in the region. It has three state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Centers in the Cities of Stow and Green and Bath Township in the County. The facilities offer 24-hour emergency department services, sports medicine and physical therapy, diagnostic services, and extensive community wellness services. These facilities complement the main hospital campus and three other CCAG facilities in the County.

Akron Children’s Hospital, a nonprofit system, is one of the largest free-standing pediatric care centers in the U.S. and is ranked among the best children’s hospitals by U.S. News and World Report. Akron Children’s houses a regional burn center for adults and children and a pediatric trauma center. It also offers more than 100 advocacy, education, outreach, and research programs and is a seven-time recipient of the NorthCoast 99 “Best Workplaces” award. The Burn Institute is certified by the American Burn Associations and the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, which recognizes individual and institutional commitment to total burn care and a formal system for quality burn care delivery.

Akron Children’s currently employs 7,000 employees and operates a 401-bed pediatric hospital in the County. Akron Children’s recently completed a \$180 million “building on the Promise” expansion project that includes a new critical care tower, new emergency department, new neonatal intensive care unit, 1,200-space parking deck, and several other facilities and improvements. Akron Children’s also completed a 230,000-square-foot addition to the Considine Professional Building. The new addition brings together all the outpatient clinics on the Akron campus and includes an auditorium and meeting spaces. Akron Children’s Hospital’s Ronald McDonald House opened a 48,000 square-foot expansion in the first quarter of 2018. The \$12.5 million expansion added 42 new guest rooms, larger family and volunteer kitchen areas, playrooms, a backyard, and larger living spaces for families. Funding was made possible through an Akron Children’s campaign, donations, and new market tax credits. Akron Children’s completed the construction of a 43,000 square-foot building in the Village of Boston Heights in late 2019 that has a pediatric center, an urgent care center, primary and specialty care offices, and a rehabilitation facility. In 2020, they opened the Portage Health Center and by expanding their affiliation with Mercy Health they brought new primary care offices in Lorain County and East Liverpool. Former Mercy Health locations in those areas are now Akron Children’s Hospital Pediatrics locations.

Summa, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, and Akron Children's also form a part of the network of teaching hospitals providing medical residency programs affiliated with the Northeast Ohio Medical University ("NEOMED"), formerly known as the Northeast Ohio Universities.

Technology, Financial and Professional Services

FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy"), headquartered in the City, is one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems. FirstEnergy's operating companies include Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company, Toledo Edison, Jersey Central Power and Light, Mon Power, Met-Ed Potomac Edison, and several others. FirstEnergy currently supplies power to over six million customers in six states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. Through the Energize365 initiative, FirstEnergy has planned investments totaling \$26 billion across its distribution and transmission systems between 2024 and 2028, allowing for a smarter, more secure, and reliable grid that can accommodate electric vehicles and clean energy sources. Company-wide, FirstEnergy employs over 12,000 employees, holds \$48 billion in assets, and generates \$12.45 billion in annual revenue.

The City is home to regional offices for national banks including U.S. Bank, Key Bank, Chase, Fifth Third, and PNC.

Recreational, Cultural and Natural Attractions

Several recreational, cultural and natural attractions are located in the City and County. These attractions make the area a particularly unique and enticing location for businesses and their employees.

The John S. Knight Center, a 122,300 square-foot facility that includes an exhibit hall, a ballroom/exhibition space, a conference center, a full-service kitchen and a large lobby area, is located in downtown Akron. This multi-purpose facility is owned by the City and leased to the Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau. The John S. Knight Center hosted 94 events in 2022.

The Summit Metro Parks (a separate political subdivision that includes most of the territory of the County) (the "Metro Parks"), operates a park system of approximately 14,300 acres in the County and in neighboring Medina County. This system includes 16 parks, several conservation areas, and over 150 miles of trails. Annual attendance averages 5 million visitors. In addition, the City operates 139 parks covering 2,114 acres.

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park, covering approximately 33,000 acres, is located primarily in the County and is the tenth most visited national park in the country. The Cuyahoga Valley encompasses interesting geological formations with the Cuyahoga River's closely spaced ravines (dropping nearly 600 feet within a few miles), beautiful natural wildlife and scenery, and historic points of interest. The Cuyahoga River itself drops nearly 500 feet from the City (the highpoint of the river) to Cleveland (at the river's entry into Lake Erie). The National Park Service has estimated that 2.24 million people annually use the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and non-park facilities within the park's boundaries. The park preserves rural and natural land and open space along 22 miles of the Cuyahoga River.

Blossom Music Center, located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, is the summer home to the Cleveland Orchestra and hosts dozens of concerts each year. The pavilion, in an 800-acre woodland, has perfect acoustics and unobstructed views. It seats more than 6,000 people under cover and an additional 13,500 on the lawns. Performers range from symphony orchestras to rock groups. Concerts take place May through September.

The Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, running north from Cuyahoga County, through the County, and south through Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, was established to preserve the

region's heritage and provide for tourism and recreation as part of a regional revitalization project. The Ohio and Erie Canal was once a critical component to the economy and growth of the City, County and region. Today, The Towpath Trail, which runs predominantly along the route of the former canal remains as a reminder of the region's past and as a recreational opportunity used by many residents and visitors to the area.

The Akron Zoological Park (the "Zoo") is located on 77 acres just west of downtown Akron and is one of the 238 accredited zoos by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Akron Zoo has over 4,000 animals from around the world representing approximately 250 different species. The Zoo also has a beautiful garden area with over 7,000 plants and flowers. The Zoo's education department reached 59,799 participants in 2022. The Zoo has net assets of more than \$80 million. In 2020, residents of the County approved a renewal of the .8 mill real property tax levy for Zoo operations, with an increase of .4 mills, for a 10-year period. The increase in millage will generate an additional \$5 million annually for the Zoo.

Long recognized among the community's cultural landmarks, the 2,700-seat Akron Civic Theatre has a rich and spectacular history. It has provided the community with a venue for quality entertainment and live performances for decades. The theater was built in 1929 by Marcus Loew and designed by famed theater architect, John Eberson. The interior structure was fashioned after a Moorish castle featuring Mediterranean decor, including medieval carvings, authentic European antiques and Italian alabaster sculptures. Among facilities of its size, the Civic is one of only five remaining atmospheric theaters in the country where patrons experience a twinkling star-lit sky and intermittent clouds moving across the horizon, all while sitting inside the auditorium. In June 2001, the Akron Civic Theatre underwent a \$19 million renovation to update its stage and main theater area. Since 2016, the Civic Theater has been the recipient of two state of Ohio capital fund investments, and most currently, completed a \$9 million renovation as part of the Staging the Future campaign, which included a new box office with access from the entry arcade, renovation to the historic Whitelaw building to hold a new 200 + capacity venue known as The Knight Stage, and new administrative offices.

Canal Park, located in downtown Akron, is home to the Akron RubberDucks, the AA affiliate of Major League Baseball's Cleveland Guardians. The AA franchise moved into the 9,097-seat \$31 million facility complete with 25 loges in 1997 as the Akron Aeros and won Eastern League titles in 2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016, and 2021 and five division titles within the last decade.

The Firestone Country Club has hosted professional golf tournaments annually since 1954, including the Rubber City Open, the American Golf Classic, the World Series of Golf, the World Golf Championships — NEC Invitational, and the World Golf Championships — Bridgestone Invitational. In 2019, Firestone Country Club began hosting the Senior PGA Players Championship. The famed South Course of Firestone Country Club has also hosted three PGA Championships and a Senior PGA Championship.

Opened in 1922, The Akron Art Museum, is dedicated to enriching lives through modern and contemporary art, and showcases regional, national, and international art created since 1850. The museum's collection is presented in a spectacular facility designed by Viennese architectural firm Coop Himmelblau and includes over 5,000 works of art, with a strong focus on contemporary painting, sculpture, and photography. Nearly a dozen exhibitions each year present prominent artists in various media including painting, sculpture, photography, video, design and glass. The Akron Art Museum celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2022.

A number of additional facilities with historic significance are located in the City, including Stan Hywet Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival manor house built by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company founder Frank Seiberling. In addition to the manor house and grounds, Stan Hywet is furnished with antiques and

works of art dating from the 14th century. Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens hosted the hit PBS Series, Antiques Roadshow, in 2023 and draws in thousands of visitors each year.

In July of each year, young competitors from around the world converge on the County to participate in the All-American Soap Box Derby, which is held at Derby Downs in the City. The annual week-long event brings thousands of people to the County and represents a major source of tourism for the County.

Employment and Income

The following table shows comparative employment and unemployment statistics for the indicated periods.

Year(a)	Employed in		Unemployment Rate			
	City	County	City	County	State	U.S.
2018	87,874	264,391	5.3%	4.6%	4.5%	3.9%
2019	88,630	267,260	5.0	4.3	4.2	3.7
2020	82,774	250,214	10.3	8.3	8.2	8.1
2021	84,251	255,603	6.7	5.4	5.1	5.3
2022	85,637	259,207	4.7	4.1	4.0	3.6
2023	86,839	262,509	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.6
2024	86,859	262,567	5.0	4.4	4.3	4.0
2025	86,700	262,000	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.3
2026						
Jan.	85,000	256,900	5.5	4.9	4.6	4.3
Feb.	85,900	259,700	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.4
Mar.	86,500	261,500	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.3
Apr.	87,000	262,800	3.8	3.3	3.1	4.3

(a) Not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Introduction

The Library’s Fiscal Year corresponds with the January 1 to December 31 calendar year. Property taxes, including those levied to pay debt service on the Bonds, are levied and collected on a calendar year basis.

The main sources of the Library’s revenue have been and are Public Library Fund receipts and voted property taxes as described below.

The responsibilities for the major financial functions of the Library are divided between the Fiscal Officer and the Board. The Fiscal Officer is the fiscal officer and chief accounting officer and keeps the financial records and accurate statements of all moneys received and expended; receives, invests, maintains custody of and disburses all Library money; and prepares the Library’s annual budget.

The Library Board is responsible for general policy decisions with respect to all financial affairs of the Library as well as for overall fiscal planning and development. In addition, the Board must approve the budget each year and must authorize all appropriations of money for all Library activities.

Investments and deposits of Library funds (except as may be specifically provided in the terms of certain gifts or bequests) are governed by the Uniform Depository Law (Chapter 135 of the Revised Code).

The Fiscal Officer is responsible for those investments and deposits. Under recent and current practices and the Library's approved investment policy, investments are made in the State Treasurer's subdivision investment pool (STAR Ohio) and repurchase agreements.

For property taxation purposes, assessment of real property is by the County Fiscal Officer subject to supervision by the State Tax Commissioner, and assessment of public utility and tangible personal property is by the State Tax Commissioner. Property taxes and assessments are billed and collected by County officials.

Budgeting, Property Tax Levy and Appropriations Procedures

Library budgeting for a fiscal year begins the preceding year with the preparation by the Library of an Alternative Tax Budget that is submitted to the County Budget Commission by July 15.

The Fiscal Officer then prepares a temporary budget, and the Library Board approves the temporary budget in the last quarter of the preceding fiscal year. A permanent budget must be prepared and Board-approved by April 1 of the fiscal year. The permanent budget may be amended during the fiscal year.

The County Budget Commission must determine and approve the amount of voted tax levies for the Library. A tax levy approved by the voters, such as the tax levy to pay debt service on the Bonds, is mandatory, and the Budget Commission has no discretion to reduce that levy. The Revised Code requires the Budget Commission to include any debt charges in the tax budget if the Library has omitted them.

The County Budget Commission then certifies to the Library its action with the estimate of the County Fiscal Officer of the voted tax rates. Thereafter, and before the end of the preceding fiscal year, the Board approves the tax levies for a fiscal year and certifies them to the proper County officials. The tax rates are reflected in the tax bills sent to property owners. Real property taxes are payable in two installments, the first usually in February and the second in July.

The County Budget Commission also holds a hearing to determine the amount of the Public Library Fund receipts to be distributed to the Library and the other library districts entitled to share in that fund. See OTHER LIBRARY GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE SOURCES – Public Library Fund. The amount to be distributed to the Library and the other library districts is based on a formula fixed by agreement in 1974 between the districts and the Budget Commission. For 2026, the Library will receive 65.02030% of the Public Library Fund moneys distributed to the County.

Financial Reports and Audits

The Library maintains its accounts, appropriations and other fiscal records in accordance with the procedures established and prescribed by the Ohio Auditor of State (the State Auditor). The State Auditor is charged by law with the responsibility of inspecting and supervising the accounts and records of each taxing subdivision and most public agencies and institutions. Library receipts and expenditures are compiled on a cash basis, pursuant to accounting procedures prescribed by the State Auditor which are generally applicable to all Ohio library districts.

Audits are made by the State Auditor, or by private auditing firms (CPAs) at the direction of that officer, pursuant to Ohio law and under certain federal program requirements. No other independent examination or audit of the Library's financial records is made.

The most recent audit (including compliance audit) of the Library's accounts was completed through Fiscal Year 2023. The Basic Financial Statements of the Library for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 are

set forth as **Appendix C**; they have been audited by the Auditor of the State of Ohio, as stated in their report appearing in those statements. The compliance audit included no findings for recovery.

Annual financial reports are prepared by the Library and are filed as required by law with the State Auditor after the close of each Fiscal Year.

See **Appendix A** comparative non-GAAP budgetary basis summary of General Fund revenues and expenditures, other financing sources and uses and fund balances for the last five Fiscal Years and budgeted for Fiscal Year 2026. That summary has been prepared by the Library in comparative form from statements prepared by the Fiscal Officer. All funds receipts and expenditures for the two prior Fiscal Years are set forth in **Appendix B**. See **Appendix C** for the audited Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023, including the audit letter/independent accountant's report.

The audited financial statements are public records, no consent to their inclusion is required, and no bring-down procedures have been undertaken by the Julian & Grube, Inc., since their date.

Investments

Investments and deposits of Library funds are governed by the Uniform Depository Law (Chapter 135 of the Revised Code) applicable to all library districts and the Library's investment policy. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for those investments and deposits. Under recent and current practices, and the Library's approved investment policy, in addition to deposits evidenced by interest-bearing certificates of deposit, investments are made in the State Treasurer's STAR Ohio investment pool, federal agency securities, and money market mutual funds. See also Notes to the Basic Financial Statements in **Appendix C**.

The Library does not invest in any securities that would be characterized as derivatives or in reverse repurchase agreements and purchases all investments with the intent to hold to maturity.

Financial Outlook

The following is provided for general information. **The Bonds are payable from a voted tax levy, the proceeds of which may not be used for any other purpose, including payment of operating expenses.**

Ad Valorem Property Taxes. The Library's historical success rate in passing operating levies, most recently the renewal of the existing 1.90-mill levy, to run for a period of six years, approved at the May 4, 2021 election (by a 76.03% margin), evidences overall community support for Library operations. See **Ad Valorem Property Taxes – Tax Rates – Tax Table C**.

Public Library Fund Revenues. The Library is currently forecasting its Public Library Fund distributions to be flat in the next State biennium budget. Public Library Fund distributions between Fiscal Years 2021 and 2025 have increased by 6.12%. In 2026, the Public Library Fund distributions are anticipated to decrease by 2%. For a detailed summary of Public Library Fund Revenues and other revenues, see Public Library Fund and Appendix A.

There can be no assurance concerning details of and/or the future level of State funding for the Public Library Fund, if any. Funding of the Public Library Fund may also be subject to adjustment or repeal during a State biennium.

General Fund. The Library's General Fund cash balance as of December 31 for each of the years 2021 through 2025 and projected for 2026 are shown in **Appendix A**.

Building and Repair Fund. The Library maintains a Building and Repair Fund (Fund 401) in which it has accumulated money to pay, if needed, a portion of the costs of the Project. To the extent money in the Building and Repair Fund is sourced from transfers from the General Fund, that money could be transferred back to the General Fund if/as needed. See **Appendices A and B.**

It is to be noted again that the Bonds are payable from a tax levy voted for the purpose of paying debt charges. Any reduced State appropriations have no impact on that levy, and that levy’s proceeds may not lawfully be used for current expenses or other purposes.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the Library’s main operating fund, from which most expenditures are paid and into which most revenues are deposited. The General Fund receives moneys from a variety of sources, but primarily from ad valorem property taxes and Public Library Fund distributions from the State. For details, see **Appendix A.**

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES

The following table shows the recent assessed valuations of property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the County Council as the Library’s taxing authority.

Collection Year	Real(a)	Public Utility(b)	Total Assessed Valuation
2021	\$9,149,246,800	\$524,250,080	\$9,673,496,880
2022(c)	9,114,717,090	532,464,740	9,647,181,830
2023	9,189,194,910	558,995,690	9,748,190,600
2024	11,627,036,990	577,048,650	12,204,085,640
2025(d)	11,649,755,500	601,760,580	12,251,516,080
2026	11,665,793,430	622,026,148	12,287,819,578

- (a) Other than real property of railroads. The real property of public utilities, other than railroads, is assessed by the County Fiscal Officer. Real property of railroads is assessed, together with tangible personal property of all public utilities, by the State Tax Commissioner.
- (b) Tangible personal property of all public utilities and real property of railroads; see footnote (a).
- (c) Reflects triennial adjustment.
- (d) Reflects sexennial reappraisal.

Source: County Fiscal Officer.

Taxes collected on “Real” in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values as of January 1 of that preceding year. “Public Utility” (real and tangible personal) taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year.

Based on County Fiscal Officer records of assessed valuations for the 2025 collection year, the largest Library ad valorem property taxpayers are:

Name of Taxpayer	Nature of Business	Total Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation
American Transmission Systems Inc	Electric Transmission Utility	\$212,979,210	1.74%
East Ohio Gas Co.	Natural Gas Utility	125,491,180	1.02
Akron Romig Road LLC	Warehouse and Distribution	65,946,720	0.54
Nexus Gas Transmission LLC	Natural Gas Pipeline	38,315,280	0.31
City of Akron, Ohio	Municipal Corporation	37,988,790	0.31
Akron Canton Regional Airport Authority	Airport Authority	16,687,630	0.14
Akron General Medical Center	Acute-Care Hospital	15,931,300	0.13
Mall at Summit LLC	Shopping Mall	15,027,990	0.12
Albrecht Incorporated	Food Distribution and Grocery	14,661,380	0.12
Fairlawn Station LLC	Retail and Mixed Use Property	14,421,030	0.12
MSA Montrose LP	Retail Power Center	14,192,190	0.12
Timber Top Apartment Holding Company LLC	Apartments	13,394,230	0.11
KCP Rosemont LLC	Apartments	12,734,950	0.10
USDLP LL II LLC	Industrial Logistics Facilities	12,659,200	0.10

Pursuant to statutory requirements for sexennial reappraisals, in 2020 the County Fiscal Officer adjusted the true value of taxable real property to reflect current fair market values. These adjustments were first reflected in the 2020 duplicate (collection year 2021) and in the ad valorem taxes distributed to the Library in 2021 and thereafter. The County Fiscal Officer is required to adjust (but without individual appraisal of properties except in the sexennial reappraisal), and has adjusted, taxable real property value triennially to reflect true values. The County Fiscal Officer completed such a triennial adjustment in 2023 (collection year 2024).

The “assessed valuation” of real property is fixed at 35% of true value and is determined pursuant to rules of the State Tax Commissioner. An exception is that real property devoted exclusively to agricultural use is to be assessed at not more than 35% of its current agricultural use value. Real property devoted exclusively to forestry or timber growing is taxed at 50% of the local tax rate upon its assessed value.

As a result of a phase-out of taxation of tangible personal property used in general business (excluding certain public utility property) and tangible personal property used by telephone, telegraph or interexchange telecommunications companies, and a reduction of the percentages of true value of electric utility production equipment and natural gas utility property assessed for taxation, eligible school districts have received reimbursement payments from the State to account for the loss of property tax revenue. Under legislation passed by the State General Assembly in 2015, such reimbursements have been combined and are to be distributed by the State in November and May of each Fiscal Year. The Library did not receive any such reimbursements in Fiscal Year 2025 or in any other Fiscal Year since Fiscal Year 2016 and does not anticipate receiving any such reimbursements in the future.

As indicated herein, the General Assembly has from time to time exercised its power to revise the laws applicable to the determination of assessed valuation of taxable property and the amount of receipts to be produced by ad valorem taxes levied on that property, and may continue to make similar revisions.

Ohio law grants tax credits to offset increases in taxes resulting from increases in the true value of real property. Legislation classifies real property as between residential and agricultural property and all other real property, and provides for tax reduction factors to be separately computed for and applied to each class. These tax credits apply only to certain voted levies on real property, and they do not apply to unvoted levies or to voted levies to provide a specified dollar amount or to pay debt charges on general obligation debt, such as the Bonds. These credits are discussed further following **Tax Table A**.

Tax Rates

All references to tax rates under this caption are in terms of stated rates in mills per \$1.00 of assessed valuation.

The following are the rates at which the Library and the taxing subdivisions it overlaps levied ad valorem property taxes for the year 2025 (collection year 2026):

TAX TABLE A

Tax Rates within the Library

Taxing District	County	Twp	School	Muni.	JVSD	Library	Total	Effective Rates	
								Res/Ag	Other
Akron City-Akron CSD	13.190		88.450	10.500		4.900	117.040	68.880355	92.921204
Akron City-Copley Fairlawn CSD	13.190		65.920	10.500		4.900	94.510	53.158489	65.476018
Akron City-Coventry LSD	13.190		70.430	10.500	4.350	4.900	103.370	60.498520	65.911844
Akron City-Revere LSD	13.190		60.760	10.500	2.000	4.900	91.350	57.315281	62.565652
Akron City-Springfield LSD	13.190		50.660	10.500	4.350	4.900	83.600	59.141720	63.422493
Akron City - Woodridge LSD	13.190		58.660	10.500		4.900	87.250	66.342159	68.670574
Barberton City-Coventry LSD	13.190		70.430	4.250	4.350	4.900	97.120	53.961542	59.465053
Barberton City-Norton LSD	13.190		62.390	4.250		4.900	84.730	42.645298	55.478420
Barth Twp-Copley-Fairlawn CSD	13.190	18.600	65.920			4.900	102.610	56.264877	69.663755
Barth Twp-Copley-Revere LSD	13.190	18.600	60.760		2.000	4.900	99.450	60.421669	66.753389
Boston Heights-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190		77.610	6.100	2.000	4.900	103.800	55.092075	66.023289
Boston Heights-Woodridge LSD	13.190		58.660	6.100		4.900	82.850	60.853185	62.155214
Boston Twp-Revere LSD	13.190	17.780	60.760		2.000	4.900	98.630	59.437180	67.032497
Boston Twp-Woodridge LSD	13.190	17.780	58.660			4.900	94.530	68.464058	73.137419
Copley Twp-Akron CSD	13.190	21.710	88.450			4.900	128.250	74.873066	99.709763
Copley Twp-Copley-Fairlawn CSD	13.190	21.710	65.920			4.900	105.720	59.151200	72.264577
Copley Twp-Highland LSD	13.190	21.710	71.850		3.050	4.900	114.700	58.921022	61.885520
Copley Twp-Revere LSD	13.190	21.710	60.760		2.000	4.900	102.560	63.307992	69.354211
Coventry Twp-Coventry LSD	13.190	20.550	70.430		4.350	4.900	113.420	66.947511	74.592741
Coventry Twp-Green LSD	13.190	20.550	42.190		4.350	4.900	85.180	69.319989	74.068879
Springfield LSD	13.190	20.550	50.660		4.350	4.900	93.650	65.590711	72.103390
Cuyahoga Falls-Revere LSD	13.190		60.760	11.000	2.000	4.900	91.850	57.815281	63.065652
Cuyahoga Falls-Woodridge LSD	13.190		58.660	11.000		4.900	87.750	66.842159	69.170574
Fairlawn City-Akron CSD	13.190		88.450	2.700		4.900	109.240	61.080355	85.121204
Fairlawn City-Copley-Fairlawn CSD	13.190		65.920	2.700		4.900	86.710	45.358489	57.676018
Fairlawn City-Revere LSD	13.190		60.760	2.100	2.000	4.900	82.950	48.915281	54.165652
Green City-Green LSD	13.190		42.190	2.400	4.350	4.900	67.030	54.770998	57.287982
Lakemore Vil-Springfield LSD	13.190		50.660	9.550	4.350	4.900	82.650	58.131632	62.472493
Macedonia-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190		77.610	7.900	2.000	4.900	105.600	53.683858	66.052610
Macedonia-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190		77.610	8.350	2.000	4.900	106.050	53.970899	66.437955
Mogadore Vil-Mogadore LSD	13.190		92.180	5.650	4.000	4.900	119.920	59.561776	85.043830
Munroe Falls-Tallmadge CSD	13.190		77.050	9.800		4.900	104.940	59.875663	73.234508
New Franklin-Coventry LSD	13.190		70.430	12.150	4.350	4.900	105.020	58.998000	64.755616
New Franklin-Manchester LSD	13.190		73.190	12.150	4.350	4.900	107.780	58.038796	63.896470
New Franklin-Norton CSD	13.190		62.390	12.150		4.900	92.630	47.681756	60.768983
Northfield Ctr Twp-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190	18.010	77.610		2.000	4.900	115.710	63.380455	75.960744
Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190	18.460	77.610		2.000	4.900	116.160	63.667496	76.346089
Northfield Vil-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190		77.610	7.480	2.000	4.900	105.180	55.753605	68.847472
Norton City-Norton CSD	13.190		62.390	10.500		4.900	90.980	46.807873	60.358962
Peninsula Vil-Woodridge LSD	13.190	1.480	58.660	15.920		4.900	94.150	68.131593	72.284536
Richfield Twp-Revere LSD	13.190	14.800	60.760		2.000	4.900	95.650	58.904575	64.520772
Richfield Twp-Woodridge LSD	13.190	14.800	58.660			4.900	91.550	67.931453	70.625694
Richfield Vil&Twp/Revere LSD	13.190	13.650	60.760	1.050	2.000	4.900	95.650	58.904575	64.520772
Richfield Vil-Revere LSD	13.190		60.760	3.340	2.000	4.900	84.190	50.155281	55.405652
Richfield Vil&Twp/Revere LSD	13.190	12.510	60.760	2.290	2.000	4.900	95.650	58.904575	64.520772
Sagamore Hills Twp-Nordonia Hills CSD	13.190	14.430	77.610		2.000	4.900	112.130	62.203420	75.580574
Sagamore Hills Twp-Woodridge LSD	13.190	14.880	58.660			4.900	91.630	68.251571	72.097844
Springfield Twp-Green LSD	13.190	20.175	42.190		4.350	4.900	84.805	70.054589	74.220790
Springfield Twp-Springfield LSD	13.190	20.175	50.660		4.350	4.900	93.275	66.325311	72.255301
Tallmadge City-Tallmadge CSD	13.190		77.050	6.150		4.900	101.290	56.884385	69.311239

Source: County Fiscal Officer.

Statutory procedures limit, by the application of tax credits, the amount realized by each taxing subdivision from real property taxation to the amount realized from those taxes in the preceding year plus both:

- the proceeds of any new taxes (other than renewals) approved by the electors, calculated to produce an amount equal to the amount that would have been realized if those taxes had been levied in the preceding year; and
- amounts realized from new and existing taxes on the assessed valuation of real property added to the tax duplicate since the preceding year.

These procedures were instituted initially in 1976 to limit in part the effect of increasing property values on the growth of those property taxes.

The tax credit provisions do not apply to amounts realized from taxes levied at whatever rate is required to produce a specified amount or an amount to pay debt charges, or from taxes levied inside the ten mill limitation or any applicable charter tax rate limitation. To calculate the limited amount to be realized, a reduction factor is applied to the stated rates of the levies subject to these tax credits. A resulting “effective tax rate” reflects the aggregate of those reductions, and is the rate based on which real property taxes are in fact collected. The Library’s 1.9-mill operating levy, its only levy subject to the tax credit provisions discussed above, is reduced by reduction factors of 0.305802 for residential/agricultural property and 0.163700 for all other real property, which results in “effective tax rates” of 2.262734 mills for residential and agricultural property and 2.930610 mills for all other real property. See also **Tax Table A**.

Residential and agricultural real property tax amounts paid by taxpayers generally have been further reduced by an additional 10% (12.5% in the case of owner-occupied residential property); however, legislation passed by the State’s General Assembly in 2013 eliminated such reductions for additional and replacement levies approved at elections after September 29, 2013, and for other taxes (or increases in taxes) not levied for tax year 2013. See **Collections** for a discussion of reimbursements by the State to taxing subdivisions for these reductions and related changes made by that State legislation.

The following are the rates at which the Library levied property taxes for the general categories of purposes for recent years, all of which are outside the ten-mill limitation:

TAX TABLE B

Library Tax Rates

Collection Year	Operating	Bond Retirement	Total
2022	1.90	-	1.90
2023	1.90	-	1.90
2024	1.90	-	1.90
2025	1.90	-	1.90
2026	1.90	1.0	2.90

The voted levy for Bond Retirement continues for the life of the bonds authorized by the voters, in annual amounts sufficient to pay debt charges on those bonds as they become due.

The results of operating issues placed before the electors of the Library since 2000 are as follows:

TAX TABLE C

**Voted Tax Issues
2000 through 2025**

Election Date	Millage	Type	Result
November 4, 2003	1.40	Additional	Failed
March 2, 2004	1.40	Additional	Passed
May 4, 2010	1.40	Replacement	Passed
May 5, 2015	1.90	Renewal & Increase	Passed
May 4, 2021	1.90	Renewal	Passed
May 6, 2025	1.00	Bond	Passed

The Library anticipates to ask the voters to renew the 1.90 mill current expense levy in 2027.

Collections

The following are the amounts billed and collected for Library ad valorem property taxes for the tax collection years shown.

Collection Year	Tax Levied	Current Tax Collected	% Collected	Delinquent Tax Collection	Total Tax Collections
2021	\$15,804,784	\$14,783,986	93.54%	\$505,706	\$31,094,476
2022	15,806,475	14,892,969	94.22	549,851	31,249,295
2023	15,942,853	15,161,512	95.10	503,020	31,607,386
2024	15,994,209	15,268,494	95.46	610,381	31,873,083
2025	16,303,553	15,432,751	94.66	599,724	32,336,027

Source: County Fiscal Officer.

Included in the “Tax Levied” and “Current Tax Collected” figures above are payments made from State revenue sources under two Statewide real property tax relief programs – the Homestead Exemption and the Property Tax Rollback Exemption. Homestead Exemptions have been available for (i) persons 65 years of age or older, (ii) persons who are totally or permanently disabled and (iii) surviving spouses of persons who were totally or permanently disabled or 65 years of age or older, and had applied and qualified for a reduction of property taxes in the year of death, so long as the surviving spouses were not younger than 59 or older than 65 years of age on the date of their deceased spouses’ deaths. The Homestead Exemption exempts \$25,000 of the homestead’s market value from taxation, thereby reducing the property owner’s ad valorem property tax liability. The Property Tax Rollback Exemption applies to all non-business properties, and reduces each property owner’s ad valorem property tax liability by either 12.5% (for owner-occupied non-business properties) or 10% (for non-owner non-business occupied properties). Payments to taxing subdivisions have been made in amounts approximately equal to the Homestead and Property Tax Rollback Exemptions granted. This State assistance reflected in the Library’s tax collections for 2025 was \$243,851 for the elderly/disabled homestead payment and \$986,554 for the rollback payment.

Legislation passed by the State’s General Assembly made the Homestead Exemption subject to means testing beginning January 1, 2014, and eliminated the Property Tax Rollback Exemption and related reimbursements with respect to new or replacement tax levies approved at elections after its effective date and for other taxes (or increases in taxes) not levied for tax year 2013. See Tax Rates. Substitute House Bill 186 (HB 186), which will be effective on March 20, 2026, changes the rollback structure for non-commercial and owner-occupied residential properties beginning in tax year 2026/collection year 2027.

The owner-occupied rollback will increase from 2.50% to 15.38% in tax year 2029/collection year 2030 and in following years as shown in the table below. Simultaneously, the 10.0% rollback for non-commercial, non-agricultural properties that are not owner-occupied will decrease from 10.0% currently to 0% in tax year 2029/collection year 2030 and in following years as shown in the table below. The final result by tax year 2029/collection year 2030 and beyond will be that residential properties (non-commercial and non-agricultural properties) will only receive a rollback tax reduction if they are owner-occupied. The 10.0% rollback that applied to agricultural properties was left unchanged by HB 186 as were the type of levies that qualify for the rollbacks. See **Tax Rates**.

Real property taxes are payable in two installments, the first usually by February and the second in July.

Delinquencies

The following is a general description of delinquency procedures under Ohio law, the implementation of which may vary in practice among the counties.

Under the Revised Code, taxes levied on property become a lien of the State on the first day of January, annually, and that lien continues until the taxes, including any penalties, interest or other charges, are paid. Real estate taxes and special assessments are generally payable in two equal installments – with the first half installment due no later than January in the year following their levy and the second half installment due no later than July in the year following their levy. Current year billed taxes not paid when due are generally subject to a 10% penalty, subject to remission of one-half of the penalty if those taxes are paid within 10 days following the due date.

The county auditor is required to prepare a list and duplicate of delinquent lands (“delinquent lands duplicate”) immediately after each settlement with the county treasurer of taxes collected and to certify the delinquent lands duplicate to the county treasurer. Taxes, including penalties, interest and other charges, that remain unpaid after the last day that the second half installment of current taxes may be paid without penalty in any year become “delinquent taxes” and the properties to which they relate comprise the delinquent lands duplicate. If delinquent taxes (and special assessments) are not paid within 60 days after a copy of the county auditor’s delinquent land duplicate is delivered to the county treasurer, then the county treasurer is to enforce the lien of the State that attached on January 1 of the year the taxes were levied. Under State law, the county treasurer is to enforce the lien “in the same way mortgage liens are enforced,” that is, by an action in the court of common pleas for foreclosure and sale of the property in satisfaction of the delinquency. If the county treasurer fails to bring an action to enforce the lien, then the State Tax Commissioner is to do so. In addition, one year after certification of a delinquent land duplicate, the county prosecuting attorney is authorized to institute foreclosure proceedings in the name of the county treasurer to foreclose the lien.

The property owner may execute a written delinquent tax agreement with the county treasurer to arrange a payment plan that provides for payments of tax, interest, and penalties over a period not to exceed five years. If payments are made when due under the plan, no further interest will be assessed against delinquent balances covered by the plan; however, a default in any payment under the plan or in the payment of current taxes will invalidate the taxpayer’s participation in the plan. If a payment plan is not adhered to or if none is arranged, foreclosure proceedings may be initiated by the county. Mass foreclosure proceedings and sales are permitted after three years’ delinquency. Proceeds from delinquent property foreclosure sales become part of and are distributed as current collections to the taxing subdivisions.

In recent years, the State legislature has enacted several programs with respect to forestalling the foreclosure process or the forfeiture of property due to tax delinquency that may have the effect of delaying or eliminating the collection of certain property taxes. Notwithstanding the delay or loss of the tax revenues

from those properties, an issuer of general obligation notes or bonds, such as the Library, remains obligated to pay the debt charges on those notes or bonds from the available revenues.

Current and delinquent property taxes and special assessments are billed and collected by County officials for all taxing subdivisions in the County.

Of the 179,499 nonexempt parcels in the Library for collection year 2025, the number of delinquent parcels was 13,407, against 241 of which foreclosure proceedings were commenced.

There was no one taxpayer that accounted for more than 5% of any of the accumulated delinquencies, shown in the table above for tax collection year 2025.

Considerations Regarding Real Property Tax Reform

From time to time, (i) legislative proposals may be introduced in the General Assembly, (ii) ballot initiatives may be proposed by electors and (iii) court proceedings may be filed, which, in each case, if to become law, could alter or amend one or more of the ad valorem property tax matters referred to herein and which may have a materially adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted, ballot initiatives approved, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Bonds, will not have a materially adverse effect on the market value or marketability of or security for the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own counsel regarding pending or proposed State property tax legislation, related ballot initiatives and court proceedings, as to all of which the Library and Bond Counsel express no opinion.

Specifically, on May 9, 2025, the Ohio Attorney General's Office certified, and on May 14, 2025, the Ohio Ballot Board voted to certify a petition title and summary of a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution from Citizens for Property Tax Reform, "Abolishment of Taxes on Real Property", proposing to add a new Section 14 to Article XII of the Ohio Constitution abolishing taxes on real property. The proposed amendment is limited to the abolishment of real property taxes and does not address any implications of that. In order to appear on the ballot, the petitioners must collect signatures from registered voters equal to at least 10% of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election (approximately 413,000). Those signatures must come from voters in at least 44 of Ohio's 88 counties, and for each of those counties the number must equal at least 5% of the vote cast in the most recent gubernatorial election. If sufficient signatures are verified by the Ohio Secretary of State's Office at least 65 days before the election, the full text of the proposed amendment would be placed on the ballot at the next regular or general election that occurs subsequent to 125 days after the filing of such petition. At soonest, the proposed amendment could appear on the ballot at the November 3, 2026 election; however, there can be no assurance when or if the proposed amendment would be on the ballot.

The 2025 State Budget Act included a number of other property tax related measures which were vetoed by the Governor. It is unclear if the General Assembly intends to override any of those vetoes. If the vetoes are overridden and the provisions become law, it is possible that they could have a material impact on the City. Many of the provisions and concepts that were the subject of the Governor's vetoes are now contained in other enacted legislation, described below.

On December 19, 2025, the Governor signed into law (effective March 20, 2026) the following bills relating to various aspects of ad valorem property tax reform:

- House Bill 309, which, generally, enhances the authority of county budget commissions to reduce voter-approved levies if deemed unnecessary or excessive, after a public hearing. See "**FINANCIAL MATTERS – Budgeting, Property Tax Levy and Appropriation Procedures.**"

- House Bill 335, which, generally, caps property tax growth related to inside millage to inflation. See “**AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES – Tax Rates.**”

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Beginning in 1933, Ohio public libraries were supported from revenues of an intangible personal property tax. In the 1980s, that tax was repealed and the General Assembly created the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) to fund public libraries. In 2008, the LLGSF was renamed the Public Library Fund.

The Public Library Fund is divided among the State’s 88 counties pursuant to a two-part distribution formula.

First, the formula guarantees each county the amount of revenue received from the Public Library Fund in the preceding year, adjusted for inflation. This portion is referred to as the “guaranteed share.” If the sum of the guaranteed shares for all counties exceeds that year’s balance in the Public Library Fund, the guaranteed shares of all counties are reduced by a percentage that will result in the sum of the guaranteed shares being equal to that year’s Public Library Fund balance.

Second, if there are moneys in the Public Library Fund after payment of each county’s guaranteed share, the remainder is distributed according to an “equalization ratio.” The equalization ratio distributes the excess in inverse proportion to per capita funding levels among the counties; those counties that receive less per capita in the guaranteed share receive more under the equalization ratio.

Distribution of Public Library Fund moneys is administered by the State Tax Commissioner and the county treasurers or fiscal officers. On or before July 20 of each year, the State Tax Commissioner must estimate and certify to each county auditor or fiscal officer that county’s:

- Guaranteed share for the next fiscal year.
- Share of any excess for the next fiscal year.
- Total Public Library Fund entitlement.

In the December and June following such certifications, the State Tax Commissioner must revise the estimates and certify those revised estimates to the respective county auditors or fiscal officers.

By the 15th day of each month, the State Tax Commissioner must distribute the amount credited to the Public Library Fund in that month as follows:

- During the first six months of each year, each county is paid a percentage of the balance equal to the proportion of the revised estimate of the county’s total entitlement certified in December to the sum of the revised estimates of the total entitlements for all counties.
- During the last six months, each county is paid a percentage of the balance equal to the proportion of the revised estimate of the county’s total entitlement certified in June to the sum of the revised estimates of the total entitlements for all counties.

Monthly payments made during the first six months of the year are adjusted such that (i) if the county received an overpayment during the preceding year, the sum of the payments is reduced by the amount of the overpayment, apportioned over the six months, and (ii) if the county received an

underpayment during the preceding year, the sum of the payments is increased by the amount of the underpayment, apportioned over the six months.

By December 20 of each year, the State Tax Commissioner must determine and certify to each county auditor or fiscal officer, with respect to the current distribution year, (i) the year's fund balance, (ii) the county's guaranteed share, (iii) the county's share of any excess, (iv) the county's total entitlement, (v) the county's net distribution and (vi) the amount by which the county's net distribution exceeded or was less than its total entitlement (the county's overpayment or underpayment for purposes of the next distribution year).

On the 15th day of each month, the county auditor must distribute the balance in the county's Public Library Fund among the county, boards of public library trustees, municipal corporations, and boards of township park commissioners for which the county budget commission has fixed an allocation from the fund in that year in the same proportions that each such entity's allocation, as fixed by the County Budget Commission, is of the total of all allocations in that year.

The Budget Commission of each county distributes that county's Public Library Fund moneys to libraries eligible to participate in the proceeds of that Fund. To be so eligible, a library must have been organized and operating prior to January 1, 1968, and have participated in the distribution of the proceeds of the county's Public Library Fund prior to December 31, 2005, and have extended the benefits of the library service of the library to all the inhabitants of the county on equal terms, unless library service is by law available to all such inhabitants.

Until and through 2007, State funding levels of the Public Library Fund were tied to a percentage of the State's income tax collections, beginning at 6.3% in 1986 and ending at 5.7% in 2007, with varying freezes and caps during those years. In 2008, legislative amendments tied funding levels to a percentage of the State's general tax revenues and established a percentage of 2.22% for the 2008-2009 biennium. Subsequently, the General Assembly reduced that percentage to 1.97% for the 2010-2011 biennium (an 11% reduction in the stated percentage).

Pursuant to the State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013, for the first month of that biennium (i.e. July 2011), Public Library Fund funding was based on 2.22% of the State's general tax revenues as described above. For the duration of the 2012-13 biennium (i.e., August 2011 through June 2013), the "percentage of revenue" funding method was not used, and instead Public Library Fund funding was set at 95% of the amount received during Fiscal Year 2011, before certain transfers. Beginning in July 2013, the "percentage of revenue" funding method went back into effect and, in July 2013, a one-time calculation was performed to replace the former 2.22% rate, derived by dividing the Fiscal Year 2013 Public Library Fund deposits by total State general tax revenues received during Fiscal Year 2013. The resulting rate of 1.66% of the State's general tax revenues took effect with the July 2013 Public Library Fund distributions. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, temporarily raised the rate from 1.66% to 1.70% effective with the July 2015 Public Library Fund distribution through June 30, 2017. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, temporarily lowered the rate from 1.70% to 1.68% effective with the July 2017 Public Library Fund distribution through June 30, 2019. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, temporarily increased the rate from 1.68% to 1.70% effective with the July 2019 Public Library Fund distribution through June 30, 2021. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, kept the ratio at 1.70% through June 30, 2023. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, kept the ratio at 1.70% through June 30, 2025. The State budget act for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 (House Bill 96) discontinued the Public Library Fund's percentage-of-revenue formula and instead funds the Public Library Fund through fixed dollar General Revenue Fund appropriations for each fiscal year of the biennium.

The following table presents historical total Statewide LLGSF/Public Library Fund distributions and estimated for 2026:

Year	Total Statewide LLGSF/Public Fund Distributions	Library
2016	\$377,013,870	\$11,641,179
2017	378,534,386	11,648,614
2018	393,738,561	12,099,474
2019	410,171,050	12,563,514
2020	409,405,535	12,521,530
2021	464,405,999	14,128,845
2022	502,387,686	15,179,400
2023	510,185,923	15,401,719
2024	481,200,832	14,622,775
2025	504,788,482	14,993,631
2026(a)	484,704,267	14,705,064

(a) Estimated.

Source: Ohio Library Council; Ohio Department of Taxation.

The following table presents certain information concerning Public Library Fund distributions to the Library for the years indicated (“GF” = General Fund):

Fiscal Year	Total Public Library Fund Receipts	Net GF Public Library Fund Receipts (c)	Net Receipts as % of Total GF Receipts	Net Receipts as % of Total GF Expenditures (a)
2021	\$14,128,845	\$14,128,845	46.94%	52.54%
2022	15,179,400	15,179,400	48.04	54.71
2023	15,401,719	15,137,689	47.46	51.18
2024	14,622,775	14,358,745	45.69	46.07
2025	14,993,631	14,729,601	46.22	47.06
2026(b)	14,705,064	14,441,034	45.97	41.97

(a) See **Appendix A** for details regarding General Fund receipts and expenditures.

(b) Budgeted.

(c) Public Library Fund Receipts net of \$264,030 credited to debt service fund for Public Library Fund Notes (2023 – 2026)

There can be no assurance concerning details of and/or the future level of State funding for the Public Library Fund, if any. Funding of the Public Library Fund may also be subject to adjustment or repeal during a State biennium.

LIBRARY DEBT AND OTHER LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS

The following describes the security for general obligation debt such as the Bonds and outstanding and projected bond and note indebtedness of the Library.

As used in the discussions that follow, BANs refers to notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of general obligation bonds.

The Bonds are voted general obligations of the Library. Certain overlapping subdivisions also may issue voted and unvoted general obligation debt.

The Library is not, and to the knowledge of current Library officials has not ever been, in default in the payment of debt service on any of the bonds or notes on which the Library is obligor.

Security for General Obligation Debt

The following describes the security for the Library's general obligation debt, such as the Bonds.

Bonds and BANs

Bonds. The basic security for Library general obligation debt is the authorization by the electors for the Library to levy to pay debt service on those bonds, without limitation as to rate or amount, ad valorem taxes on all real and tangible personal property subject to ad valorem taxation by the taxing authority of the Library. The tax is outside of the ten mill limitation, and is to be in sufficient amount to pay (to the extent not paid from other sources) as it comes due the debt service on the voted bonds (subject to the provisions of bankruptcy laws and other laws affecting creditors' rights and to the exercise of judicial discretion).

Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Library will have \$160,000,000* of voted general obligation bonds outstanding (see **Debt Tables**).

BANs. While BANs are outstanding, Ohio law requires the levy of ad valorem property taxes in an amount not less than what would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the BANs. That levy need not actually be collected if payment in fact is to be provided from other sources, such as the proceeds of the bonds anticipated or of renewal BANs. BANs, including renewal BANs, may be issued and outstanding from time to time up to a maximum period of 240 months from the date of issuance of the original notes (the maximum maturity for special assessment BANs is five years). Any period in excess of five years must be deducted from the permitted maximum maturity of the bonds anticipated. Portions of the principal amount of BANs outstanding for more than five years must be retired in amounts at least equal to, and payable not later than, those principal maturities that would have been required if the bonds had been issued at the expiration of the initial five-year period.

The Library's Outstanding Notes will be retired by the Bonds.

Debt Outstanding

Section 3375.404 of the Revised Code permits a public library that receives an allocation of the Public Library Fund to anticipate (i) its portion of the proceeds of Public Library Fund distributions and (ii) if the board of library trustees receives proceeds from a tax levied under Section 5705.23 of the Revised Code by the taxing authority of the political subdivision to whose jurisdiction the board of library trustees is subject, the lawfully available proceeds of that tax, and to issue library fund notes to pay costs of the purchase, construction, remodeling, renovation or other improvement, equipping and furnishing of buildings or parts of buildings and other real property, and purchase or other acquisition of motor vehicles and other personal property necessary for the proper operation of the library, and refunding notes to provide for the refunding of such library facilities notes. Notes may be issued only if the maximum aggregate amount of notes that will be outstanding after such issue does not exceed an amount which requires or is estimated to require annual debt service charges on the notes by a board of library trustees in an amount in excess of the sum of (A) 40% of the average of the library's Public Library Fund receipts for the two calendar years prior to the year in which the notes are issued and (B) the portion of the lawfully available proceeds from a tax levied under Section 5705.23 of the Revised Code that the board of library trustees has,

* Preliminary, subject to change.

in the authorizing proceedings, covenanted to appropriate annually for the purpose of paying debt service charges on the notes.

Pursuant to the authority in Section 3375.404 of the Revised Code, the Library has from time to time issued notes to pay costs of various library improvements. The Library currently has one series of such notes outstanding, the \$1,200,000 Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022 dated May 27, 2022 (the “Notes”), which are currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$502,663.00.

The security pledged to the payment by the Library of debt charges on the Notes is the Public Library Fund collections received by the Library. The Notes receive a first pledge of lien on the Library’s Public Library Fund distributions pursuant to Section 3375.404 of the Revised Code. The Notes are not general obligations of the library, the County, the State, or any political subdivision thereof and do not constitute a debt or a pledge of the full faith and credit, of the State, the Library or any other political subdivision of the State, and the registered owners of the Notes have no right to have taxes levied by the General Assembly or by the taxing authority of any political subdivision of the State for the payment of debt charges on the Notes.

See also **Debt Table C**

Bond Retirement Fund

The Bond Retirement Fund is the fund from which the Library will pay debt charges on its general obligation debt and into which money required to be applied to those payments will be deposited.

Long-Term Financial Obligations Other Than Bonds and Notes

The Library has no other material long-term financial obligations other than the Bonds and the Notes.

Future Financings

At this time the Library has no plans to seek voter approval of any additional bonds, to issue any additional unvoted special obligation debt or to enter into any long term financial undertaking in the next 12 months.

Pension Obligations

Present and retired employees of the Library are covered by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) a statewide public employee retirement (including disability retirement) systems.

OPERS is one of several statewide public employee retirement systems created by and operating pursuant to Ohio law, all of which currently have unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities. The General Assembly has the power to amend the format of those systems and to revise rates and methods of contributions to be made by public employers and their employees and eligibility criteria, benefits or benefit levels for employee members. In 2012, the General Assembly passed five separate pension reform measures intended to assist each of the five retirement systems in addressing its unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities. The reform legislation passed with respect to OPERS provides for (i) no change in the Library contribution rates with respect to its employees’ earnable salaries and (ii) no change in OPERS employee contribution rate. With certain transition provisions applicable to certain current employees, the reform legislation has, among other changes, increased minimum age and service requirements for retirement and disability benefits, revised the calculation of an employee’s final average salary on which pension benefits are based to include the five highest years (rather than the three highest years), provided for OPERS pension benefits

to be calculated on a lower, fixed formula, changed provisions to limit future cost-of-living adjustments to the lesser of any increase in the Consumer Price Index or three percent.

For further information on this pension plan, see the Notes to the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Financial Statements. Financial and other information for OPERS can also be found on the website for the retirement system including its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

In Fiscal Year 2023, Library employees covered by OPERS contributed at a statutory rate of 10.0% of earnable salary. As the employer, the Library's statutory contribution rate for those employees is 14.0% of the same base. These employee and employer contribution rates have been and are now the maximums permitted under current State law.

The Library's current employer contributions to OPERS have been treated as current expenses and included in the Library's operating expenditures. The Library is current on all payment obligations to OPERS.

Federal law requires Library employees hired after March 31, 1986 to participate in the federal Medicare program, which requires matching employer and employee contributions, each being 1.45% of the wage base. Otherwise, Library employees who are covered by a State retirement system are not currently covered under the federal Social Security Act. OPERS is not subject to the funding and vesting requirements of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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CONCLUDING STATEMENT

To the extent that any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated to be such, they are made as such and not as representations of fact or certainty and no representation is made that any of those statements have been or will be realized. Information in this Official Statement has been derived by the Library from official and other sources and is believed by the Library to be accurate and reliable. Information other than that obtained from official records of the Library has not been independently confirmed or verified by the Library and its accuracy is not guaranteed.

Neither this Official Statement nor any statement that may have been or that may be made orally or in writing is to be construed as or as part of a contract with the original purchasers or subsequent holders or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

This Official Statement has been prepared and delivered by the Library and signed for and on behalf of the Library by the officials identified below.

AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, OHIO

By: _____
President, Board of Library Trustees

By: _____
Executive Director

DEBT TABLE A
Various Library and Overlapping
GO Debt Allocations (Principal Amounts)

Subdivision	Amount(a)	Percentage Allocable to the Library(b)	Portion of Debt Borne by Properties Within the Library
The Library	\$ 160,000,000	100.00%	\$ 160,000,000
Summit County	61,150,000	66.31	40,548,565
Portage County	3,388,797	1.26	42,699
All cities wholly within Library	89,650,000	100.00	89,650,000
All villages wholly within Library	889,100	100.00	889,100
All townships wholly within Library	19,145,000	100.00	19,145,000
All school districts wholly within Library	365,268,463	100.00	365,268,463
City of Barberton	4,030,000	2.08	83,824
City of Cuyahoga Falls	6,048,952	31.66	1,915,098
City of Green	23,200,000	98.63	22,882,160
City of Macedonia	24,730,000	98.37	24,326,901
City of Munroe Falls	40,000	0.58	232
City of Norton	5,180,000	97.42	5,046,356
City of Tallmadge	1,255,000	97.50	1,223,625
Highland City School District	57,125,000	0.76	434,150
Total Overlapping	\$661,100,312		\$571,456,173
Total Library and Overlapping	\$821,100,312		\$731,456,173

(a) GO debt of the County and GO debt for all other political subdivisions as of July 3, 2026.

(b) Determined by dividing the amount of the tax valuation of the territory of the subdivision that is within the Library by the total tax valuation of that subdivision.

Source of tax valuation and confirmation of GO debt figures for overlapping subdivisions: OMAC.

DEBT TABLE B

Projected Debt Charges Requirements on Library GO Debt

Year	Total for the Bonds, all to be paid from Unlimited Ad Valorem Taxes
2026	\$
2027	
2028	
2029	
2030	
2031	
2032	
2033	
2034	
2035	
2036	
2037	
2038	
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2040	
2041	
2042	
2043	
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2045	

DEBT TABLE C

**Debt Charges Requirements on
Library Special Obligation Debt**

Year	Total
2026	\$264,030
2027	264,030

APPENDIX A

Comparative Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis Summary of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, Other Financing Sources and Uses, and Fund Balances, 2021 through 2025 and Budgeted 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Unaudited)	2025 (Unaudited)	2026 (Budgeted)
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	\$14,092,823	\$14,376,955	\$14,427,500	\$14,712,372	\$14,813,921	\$14,877,197
Public Library Fund	14,128,845	15,179,400	15,137,689	14,358,745	14,729,601	14,441,034
Intergovernmental	1,470,896	1,302,324	1,296,877	1,365,024	1,479,614	1,293,669
Patron Fines and Fees	210,452	272,526	272,097	265,359	300,999	261,000
Interest	13,973	200,338	579,402	533,480	400,260	374,690
Gifts and Donations	18,089	20,376	26,854	1,588	11,626	100
Miscellaneous	164,538	247,432	153,455	192,468	131,044	163,200
Total Revenues	\$30,099,616	\$31,599,351	\$31,893,874	\$31,429,036	\$31,867,065	\$31,410,890
EXPENDITURES						
Public Services and Programs	\$13,211,151	\$13,246,511	\$14,033,310	\$15,280,448	\$15,410,531	\$15,781,710
Collection Materials & Processing	4,435,721	5,031,524	5,503,229	5,753,989	5,910,084	6,298,425
Facilities Operations & Maintenance	4,557,719	4,680,609	5,241,244	5,354,211	5,379,664	5,978,810
Information Services	939,274	1,031,497	1,368,398	1,628,313	1,504,807	1,707,860
Business Administration	3,735,660	3,707,117	3,831,405	3,505,530	4,070,402	5,104,065
Capital Outlay	371,419	660,246	357,554	226,758	134,668	115,300
Total Expenditures	\$27,250,944	\$28,357,504	\$30,335,140	\$31,749,249	\$32,410,156	\$34,986,170
Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	\$2,848,672	\$3,241,847	\$1,558,734	(\$320,213)	(\$543,091)	(\$3,575,280)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)						
Advances In						4,000,000
Advances Out(a)					(3,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Transfers Out(b)	(2,305,000)	(4,314,050)	(3,315,025)	(1,100,000)		
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(\$2,305,000)	(\$4,314,050)	(\$3,315,025)	(\$1,100,000)	(\$3,000,000)	\$3,000,000
Changes in Fund Balance	543,672	(1,072,203)	(1,756,291)	(1,420,213)	(3,543,091)	(575,280)
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	11,645,655	12,792,409	12,301,905	11,140,214	10,274,042	7,293,555
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	603,082	581,699	594,600	554,041	562,604	646,587
Fund Balance End of Year	\$12,792,409	\$12,301,905	\$11,140,214	\$10,274,042	\$7,293,555	\$7,364,862

(a) Advance Out in 2025 was amounts advanced to the Bond Improvement Fund and will be returned in 2026 from proceeds of the Bonds.

(b) Transfers Out in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 were transfer to the Capital Projects Fund to pay capital expenses of the Library.

APPENDIX B

**Financial Report (Cash Basis All Funds Summary) for
Fiscal Year 2024**

DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$11,429,484	\$31,429,036	\$32,286,645	\$10,571,875
Special Revenue	1,193,325	381,865	340,567	1,234,623
Capital Project Funds	7,644,009	1,374,477	2,895,056	6,123,430
Debt Service Funds	86,582	264,030	264,030	86,582
Permanent Funds	457,421	21,199	4,964	472,656
TOTAL	\$20,809,821	\$33,470,607	\$35,791,262	\$18,489,166

**Financial Report (Cash Basis All Funds Summary) for
Fiscal Year 2025**

DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
General Fund	\$10,571,875	\$31,867,065	\$34,300,509	\$8,138,431
Special Revenue	1,234,623	254,833	224,307	1,265,149
Capital Project Funds(a)	6,123,430	3,137,244	4,588,309	4,672,365
Debt Service Fund	86,582	264,030	264,030	86,582
Permanent Funds	472,656	16,905	11,346	478,215
TOTAL	\$18,489,166	\$35,540,077	\$39,388,501	\$14,640,742

APPENDIX C

Library Basic Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 (Audited)



**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMIT COUNTY**

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023-2022

**OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
KEITH FABER**



**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMIT COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Akron-Summit County Public Library
Summit County
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Summit County, Ohio (the Library), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Library, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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 the Library's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 opinions. 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 GAAS and *Government 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 GAAS and *Government 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 the 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 the 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.

Other Information

We applied no procedures to management's discussion & analysis, as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 12, 2024, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's 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

November 12, 2024

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**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

This discussion and analysis of the Akron-Summit County Public Library's (the Library) financial performance provides an overall review of the Library's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023, within the limitations of the Library's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Library's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- The total net position of the Library decreased \$235,703 or 1.11% during 2023.
- General receipts accounted for \$31,991,041 or 97.81% of total governmental activities receipts. Program specific receipts accounted for \$717,553 or 2.19% of total governmental activities receipts.
- The Library had \$32,944,297 in disbursements related to governmental activities; \$717,553 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General receipts (primarily property taxes and public library fund receipts) of \$31,991,041 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- The Library's major funds are the General Fund and Building and Repair Fund. The General Fund had receipts of \$32,031,831 in 2023. The disbursements and other financing uses of the General Fund totaled \$33,239,114 in 2023. The General Fund's balance decreased \$1,207,283 from a balance of \$13,923,306 to \$12,716,023.
- The Building and Repair Fund had receipts of \$228,785 from earnings on investments and transfers in from the General Fund of \$3,000,000. Disbursements totaled \$2,579,262 in 2023. The Building and Repair Fund balance increased \$649,523 from a balance of \$6,258,130 to \$6,907,653.

Using this Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Library's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Library as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Library as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Library has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Library's cash basis of accounting, receipts, and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

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As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Library as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reflect how the Library did financially during 2023, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Position presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Library at year-end. The Statement of Activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts. Program receipts include patron fines and fees and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the Library's general receipts.

These statements report the Library's net position and the changes in net position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, these changes are one way to measure the Library's financial health. Over time, an increase or decrease in the Library's net position is one indicator of whether the Library's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Library's financial condition, one should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well such as the Library's property tax base, the condition of the Library's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Library's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property tax and the Public Library Fund (PLF).

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the Library reports governmental activities. All of the Library's programs and services are reported here, including general public services, purchased and contracted services, and library materials and information. These services are primarily funded by property taxes and the PLF. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Reporting the Library's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Library's major funds, not the Library as a whole. The Library establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Library are as follows:

- **Governmental Funds** - All of the Library's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Library's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Library's programs. The Library's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Library's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Building and Repair Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional and explanatory data. They are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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The Library as a Whole

Table I provides a summary of the Library's net position at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

**Table I
Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities 2023</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,075,591	\$ 21,311,294
<u>Net Position</u>		
Restricted for:		
Debt service	86,582	86,582
Unclaimed monies	9,182	9,182
Donor specified purposes	63,580	48,289
Grantor specified purposes	50,048	97,297
Forfeited FSA	13,056	13,056
FSA contributions	10,577	5,550
Permanent fund:		
Expendable	21,596	11,949
Nonexpendable	435,825	435,825
Unrestricted	<u>20,385,145</u>	<u>20,603,564</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 21,075,591</u>	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>

The total net position of the Library decreased \$235,703, which represents a 1.11% decrease from December 31, 2022's net position. This decrease in net position was primarily the result of an increase in salaries and fringe benefits, office supplies, utilities, cleaning services, and IT software licenses, support and maintenance.

The balance of government-wide unrestricted net position of \$20,385,145 may be used to meet the Library's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net position in 2023 and 2022 for governmental activities:

	Table 2	
	Change in Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2023	Governmental Activities 2022
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 281,047	\$ 272,526
Operating grants, contributions and interest	207,721	180,927
Capital grants, contributions and interest	<u>228,785</u>	<u>64,656</u>
Total program receipts	<u>717,553</u>	<u>518,109</u>
General receipts:		
Property taxes levied for general purposes	14,427,500	14,376,955
Public library fund	15,401,719	15,179,400
Grants and entitlements not restricted	1,296,877	1,302,324
Unrestricted gifts and contributions	10,900	621
Earnings on investments	619,590	214,020
Sale of notes	-	1,200,000
Miscellaneous	<u>234,455</u>	<u>247,432</u>
Total general receipts	<u>31,991,041</u>	<u>32,520,752</u>
Total receipts	<u>32,708,594</u>	<u>33,038,861</u>
Disbursements:		
Current:		
Library services:		
Public services and programs	13,914,726	13,139,933
Collection development and processing	5,290,006	4,778,858
Support services:		
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,126,031	4,654,409
Information services	1,350,373	1,016,925
Business administration	4,065,423	3,813,572
Capital outlay	2,933,708	1,893,187
Debt service:		
Principal retirement	226,733	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>37,297</u>	<u>-</u>
Total disbursements	<u>32,944,297</u>	<u>29,296,884</u>
Change in net position	(235,703)	3,741,977
Net position at beginning of year	<u>21,311,294</u>	<u>17,569,317</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 21,075,591</u>	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental net position decreased by \$235,703 in 2023 from 2022. Total governmental disbursements of \$32,944,297 were offset by program receipts of \$717,553 and general receipts of \$31,991,041. Program receipts supported 2.18% of the total governmental disbursements.

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Program receipts represent 2.19% of total receipts and are primarily comprised of patron fines and fees, grants, contributions and donations, and interest.

General receipts represent 97.81% of the Library's total receipts, and of this, 44.11% are local taxes. Public library fund and unrestricted grants and entitlements make up another 52.18% of the Library's general receipts. In 2022, the Library issued notes in the amount of \$1,200,000, which were reported in general receipts. Earnings on investments increased \$405,570 during 2023 as a result of higher interest rates on investments. Other miscellaneous receipts are less significant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources, which include refunds and reimbursements.

The first column of the Statement of Activities lists the major services provided by the Library. The Cash Disbursements column of the Statement identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are Public Services and Programs, Collection Development and Processing, Facilities Operation and Maintenance, Information Services, Business Administration, Capital Outlay, and Debt Service, which account for 42.24%, 16.06%, 15.56%, 4.10%, 12.34%, 8.90%, and .80% of all Library disbursements, respectively. The Program Receipt columns of the Statement titled Program Cash Receipts identify amounts paid by persons who are directly charged for the respective service and grants received by the Library that must be used to provide a specific service. The Net (Disbursements) Receipts column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service paid by taxpayers from the Library's general receipts which are represented at the bottom of the Statement.

A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3 below:

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	<u>Total Cost of Services 2023</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2023</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services 2022</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services 2022</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	\$ 13,914,726	\$ 13,550,036	\$ 13,139,933	\$ 12,828,632
Collection development and processing	5,290,006	5,271,746	4,778,858	4,765,915
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,126,031	5,126,031	4,654,409	4,654,409
Information services	1,350,373	1,350,373	1,016,925	1,016,925
Business administration	4,065,423	3,964,605	3,813,572	3,730,076
Capital outlay	2,933,708	2,699,923	1,893,187	1,782,818
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	226,733	226,733	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	37,297	37,297	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 32,944,297</u>	<u>\$ 32,226,744</u>	<u>\$ 29,296,884</u>	<u>\$ 28,778,775</u>

The dependence upon general receipts for governmental activities is apparent; with 97.82% of disbursements supported through taxes, public library fund, and other general receipts during 2023.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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The Library's Funds

Total governmental funds receipts and other financing sources were \$36,023,619 and disbursements and other financing uses were \$36,259,322. The General Fund receipts were \$1,207,283 less than disbursements and other financing uses, and the ending fund balance was \$12,716,023. The General Fund made transfers of \$3,315,025 to other funds during 2023. Receipts increased by \$418,798, primarily due to an increase in earnings on investments as a result of higher interest rates on investments. Disbursements increased overall by \$2,125,421 in 2023 in all areas except for capital outlay.

The Building and Repair Fund balance increased \$649,523 from transfers in and earnings on investments exceeding disbursements to finance capital improvements.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Library's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and accounts for transactions on a cash basis of receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2023, the Library amended its General Fund budget to reflect changing circumstances. Final budgeted receipts were \$31,361,690 and actual receipts were \$31,893,874 which was \$532,184 more than budgeted. The original and final budget for disbursements and other financing uses was \$43,571,190 and actual disbursements and other financing uses were \$33,650,165 (cash disbursements plus encumbrances). Actual disbursements were \$9,921,025 less than budgeted. The primary reason for the difference between budgeted and actual disbursements was due to a budgeted contingency that was not spent. Annually, a contingency line item is included in the budget but normally is not utilized.

Debt Administration

The Library issued \$1,200,000 in Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022 during 2022. The principal balance outstanding at December 31, 2023 was \$973,267 and \$231,426 is due in one year. The notes carry an interest rate of 3.35% and have a final maturity of May 1, 2027.

See Note 10 in the basic financial statements for detail on the Library's debt administration.

Current Issues

All Ohio libraries face the challenge to continue providing quality services to the public while experiencing particular uncertainties in funding. Ohio's public libraries, including the Akron-Summit County Public Library (the Library), depend on the State of Ohio for a major part of their funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF is calculated as a percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax revenue. Ohio libraries received 1.7 percent of the GRF tax revenue for the calendar year 2023 (the Library's fiscal year). Calendar year 2023 is within the state's biennium budget period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Since the PLF is based on a percentage of the state's revenue, the PLF funding fluctuates as the state's revenue fluctuates.

The Library's other major operating revenue source is a local property tax levy. The six-year 1.9 mill local property tax levy was approved by the voters in May 2015 to provide for general operations. Collections from this levy ran from 2016 through 2021. In May 2021, the voters approved a renewal of the 1.9 mill levy. Collections from the renewal will run from calendar year 2022 through calendar year 2027.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)**

The Library has remained committed to careful and thoughtful spending, especially since future State funding is somewhat uncertain and levy revenue may remain flat or decline during the levy cycle. During the recession and in the years immediately following it, the Library did not reduce public hours or the services we provided. Significant reductions in salary expenses were realized through workforce attrition and reorganizing work duties. In 2014 and 2015 however, we decreased public hours in order to achieve additional savings to meet the continuing budget constraints and to accommodate our reduced staff levels. In 2016, the Library added back some of the public hours and began filling some open positions in anticipation of additional revenue from the new levy. In 2017 through 2019 the Library continued carefully evaluating hiring for open positions when necessary and reorganizing work duties when practical. In 2020, as a result of the pandemic shut downs, the Library realized significant savings by furloughing approximately 85% of our staff between mid-April and mid-June and suspending in-building services and programming. Since then, the Library's staffing level has remained below pre-pandemic levels primarily due to voluntary separations and continuing to leave selected positions vacant. Future budget considerations include significant capital expenditures to meet the needs of our aging buildings. The Library is exploring possible revenues to fund these upcoming capital needs.

The Akron-Summit County Public Library is a community place for individual development and civic growth. Partnering with other government agencies, community organizations, and educational institutions, the Library brings resources, services, and programming to customers of all ages and abilities, and acts as a catalyst for positive personal and community outcomes. From our Library of Things to computer workshops, from book discussion groups to grant-seeking workshops, from story times in local parks to art workshops in local shelters, the Akron-Summit County Public Library reflects its core values - Excellence, Service, Learning, Diversity and Inclusion - within and beyond our walls.

Contacting the Library's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Library's finances and to reflect the Library's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Michelle Scarpitti, Fiscal Officer, Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326.

**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,075,591
Total assets	\$ 21,075,591
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Debt service	\$ 86,582
Unclaimed monies	9,182
Donor specified purposes	63,580
Grantor specified purposes	50,048
Forfeited employee FSA	13,056
FSA contributions	10,577
Permanent fund:	
Expendable	21,596
Nonexpendable	435,825
Unrestricted	20,385,145
Total net position	\$ 21,075,591

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions, and Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions, and Interest	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
Current:					
Library services:					
Public services and programs	\$ 13,914,726	\$ 281,047	\$ 83,643	\$ -	\$ (13,550,036)
Collection development and processing	5,290,006	-	18,260	-	(5,271,746)
Support services:					
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,126,031	-	-	-	(5,126,031)
Information services	1,350,373	-	-	-	(1,350,373)
Business administration	4,065,423	-	100,818	-	(3,964,605)
Capital outlay	2,933,708	-	5,000	228,785	(2,699,923)
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	226,733	-	-	-	(226,733)
Interest and fiscal charges	37,297	-	-	-	(37,297)
Total governmental activities	\$ 32,944,297	\$ 281,047	\$ 207,721	\$ 228,785	(32,226,744)
General receipts:					
Property taxes levied for:					
					14,427,500
					15,401,719
					1,296,877
					10,900
					619,590
					234,455
Total general receipts					31,991,041
					(235,703)
					21,311,294
					21,075,591

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General	Building and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,716,023	\$ 6,907,653	\$ 1,451,915	\$ 21,075,591
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	\$ 9,182	\$ -	\$ 435,825	\$ 445,007
Restricted	-	-	245,439	245,439
Committed	-	-	34,295	34,295
Assigned	10,898,856	6,907,653	736,356	18,542,865
Unassigned	1,807,985	-	-	1,807,985
Total fund balances	\$ 12,716,023	\$ 6,907,653	\$ 1,451,915	\$ 21,075,591

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building and Repair</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 14,427,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,427,500
Public library	15,137,689	-	264,030	15,401,719
Intergovernmental	1,296,877	-	-	1,296,877
Patron fines and fees	272,097	-	-	272,097
Contributions, gifts and donations	34,673	-	64,920	99,593
Earnings on investments	619,590	228,785	18,210	866,585
Rental income	8,950	-	-	8,950
Miscellaneous	234,455	-	100,818	335,273
Total receipts	<u>32,031,831</u>	<u>228,785</u>	<u>447,978</u>	<u>32,708,594</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	13,899,392	-	15,334	13,914,726
Collection development and processing	5,279,341	-	10,665	5,290,006
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,126,031	-	-	5,126,031
Information services	1,350,373	-	-	1,350,373
Business administration	3,969,632	-	95,791	4,065,423
Capital outlay	299,320	2,579,262	55,126	2,933,708
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	-	226,733	226,733
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	37,297	37,297
Total disbursements	<u>29,924,089</u>	<u>2,579,262</u>	<u>440,946</u>	<u>32,944,297</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>2,107,742</u>	<u>(2,350,477)</u>	<u>7,032</u>	<u>(235,703)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	3,000,000	315,025	3,315,025
Transfers (out)	(3,315,025)	-	-	(3,315,025)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(3,315,025)</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>315,025</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,207,283)	649,523	322,057	(235,703)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>13,923,306</u>	<u>6,258,130</u>	<u>1,129,858</u>	<u>21,311,294</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 12,716,023</u>	<u>\$ 6,907,653</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,915</u>	<u>\$ 21,075,591</u>

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**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 14,152,821	\$ 14,186,761	\$ 14,427,500	\$ 240,739
Public library	14,849,489	14,885,100	15,137,689	252,589
Intergovernmental	1,272,186	1,275,237	1,296,877	21,640
Patron fines and fees	266,917	267,557	272,097	4,540
Contributions, gifts and donations	26,343	26,406	26,854	448
Earnings on investments	568,371	569,734	579,402	9,668
Rental income	8,780	8,801	8,950	149
Miscellaneous	141,754	142,094	144,505	2,411
Total receipts	<u>31,286,661</u>	<u>31,361,690</u>	<u>31,893,874</u>	<u>532,184</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	14,279,650	14,279,650	14,033,310	246,340
Collection development and processing	6,939,607	6,939,607	5,503,229	1,436,378
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,816,140	5,816,140	5,241,244	574,896
Information services	1,416,698	1,416,698	1,368,398	48,300
Business administration	10,921,874	10,921,874	3,831,405	7,090,469
Capital outlay	882,196	882,196	357,554	524,642
Total disbursements	<u>40,256,165</u>	<u>40,256,165</u>	<u>30,335,140</u>	<u>9,921,025</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>(8,969,504)</u>	<u>(8,894,475)</u>	<u>1,558,734</u>	<u>10,453,209</u>
Other financing (uses):				
Transfers (out)	<u>(3,315,025)</u>	<u>(3,315,025)</u>	<u>(3,315,025)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(12,284,529)	(12,209,500)	(1,756,291)	10,453,209
Fund balances at beginning of year	12,301,905	12,301,905	12,301,905	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	594,600	594,600	594,600	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 611,976</u>	<u>\$ 687,005</u>	<u>\$ 11,140,214</u>	<u>\$ 10,453,209</u>

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**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE LIBRARY AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Board of Library Trustees of the Akron-Summit Public Library (the Library) has seven members: three appointed by the Common Pleas Court Judges and four appointed by the Summit County Executive and Council, as established by section 3375.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Appointments are for seven-year terms and members serve without compensation. Under Ohio statutes, the Library is a body politic and corporate capable of suing and being sued; contracting; acquiring, holding, possessing, and disposing of real and personal property; and exercising such powers and privileges as are conferred upon it by law. The Library also determines and operates under its own budget. The control and management of the Library is governed by Sections 3375.33 to 3375.41 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board of Library Trustees appoints a Director and Fiscal Officer.

There is no potential for the Library to provide a financial benefit to or to impose a financial burden on the County Council, nor can the County Councils significantly influence the programs, activities, or level of service performed or provided by the Library. The Library is fiscally independent of the County, although the County Council serve in a ministerial capacity as the taxing authority. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose(s) of the levy are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Library Trustees. Once these decisions are made, the County Council must place the levy on the ballot.

Under the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the Library is considered a related organization to Summit County.

There are nineteen Friends groups associated with the Library: one for Main Library; one for each branch library; and one Council of Friends, which is an umbrella group for the other Friends groups. Each Friends group is a not-for-profit organization with a self-appointing board. The Library is not financially accountable for these organizations, nor does the Library approve the budgets or the issuance of debt of these organizations. Therefore, these organizations have been excluded from the reporting entity of the Library.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Library is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

As discussed further in the "Basis of Accounting" section of this note, these financial statements are prepared on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Library's accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Library's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Library as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the Library. The statements present the activities of the Library as governmental activities. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The statement of net position presents the cash and investment balances of the governmental activities of the Library at year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Library's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Library is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the Library's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the Library segregates transactions related to certain Library functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Library at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Library's funds are governmental only.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which all governmental functions of the Library are financed. The following are the Library's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for or reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Library for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Building and Repair Fund - The building and repair fund accounts for and reports the transfer of general fund receipts and other resources received for the purpose of building, expanding, and repairing library buildings.

The other governmental funds of the Library account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed, or assigned to a particular purpose.

Basis of Accounting

The Library's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Library's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be appropriated. The appropriations resolution is the Board of Trustees' authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Trustees. The legal level of control has been established at the fund and character or major category of the object code level for the General Fund and at fund level for all other funds. Budgetary modifications at the legal level of control may only be made by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

For control purposes, the Library estimates cash receipts for the year. These estimated receipts, together with the unencumbered carryover balances from the prior year, set a limit on the amount the Board of Trustees may appropriate. The estimated receipts may be revised during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of estimated resources at the time final appropriations were enacted by the Board of Trustees.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations should not exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first permanent appropriation for that fund including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board of Trustees during the year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts respectively. Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

During 2023, the Library invested in negotiable certificates of deposit, a money market account, and STAR Ohio. Investments are reported at cost, except for the money market account and STAR Ohio. The Library's money market account investment is reported by Fifth Third Securities, Inc. on December 31, 2023.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The Library measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2023, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Interest earnings are allocated to Library funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, debt related restrictions, or Library policy. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2023 totaled \$619,590 which includes \$245,125 assigned from other Library funds.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Library are reported as restricted as well as the nonspendable portions of endowments.

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Library reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller fund and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Library's cash basis of accounting.

Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Library recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Long-Term Obligations

The Library's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a lease transaction is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay disbursement is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

Leases

The Library is the lessor/lessee in various leases related to buildings, vehicles, and other equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease receivables/payables are not reflected under the Library's cash basis of accounting. Lease receipts/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

Accruals related to Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB Statement No. 96) are not reflected under the Library's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for the benefit of Library programs and the purchase of certain materials.

The Library's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily to the extent that the Library is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Trustees. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Library for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Trustees or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution or by State statute. State statute authorizes the Fiscal Officer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Trustees may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget in the General Fund.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The Library applies restricted resources first when disbursements 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 disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications may be used.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are as follows:

1. Outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis).
2. Multiple funds are combined with the general fund in the financial statements to comply with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 54. The budgetary basis statement presents only the activity of the general fund.

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the budget basis to the cash basis are as follows:

	General
Cash Basis	\$ (1,207,283)
Adjustment for GASB 54	5,033
Encumbrances	(554,041)
Budget Basis	\$ (1,756,291)

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Library into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Library treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Library treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public monies that have been identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of the deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Protection of the Library's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institution's participation in 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Interim monies held by the Library can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
5. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
6. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and, with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
7. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and;
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Library, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Library, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Fiscal Officer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

At year-end, the Library had \$2,650 of undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the financial statements.

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Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Library will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year-end, the carrying amount of the Library's deposits was \$3,497,003 and the bank balance was \$3,746,931. At year end, \$533,431 of the Library's bank balance was covered by FDIC, \$2,509,707 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) as discussed below, and \$703,793 was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Library's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 60 percent and 102 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

The Library has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Library and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or participation in the 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. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

Investments

The fair value of these investments is not materially different from measurement value. As of December 31, 2023, the Library had the following investments:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>		<u>Percentage of Total Investments</u>
		<u>6 Months or Less</u>	<u>7 to 12 Months</u>	
<i>Fair value:</i>				
U.S. Government Money Market	\$ 421,527	\$ 421,527	\$ -	2.40%
<i>Cost:</i>				
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	727,000	482,000	245,000	4.14%
<i>Net Asset Value:</i>				
STAR Ohio	<u>16,427,411</u>	<u>16,427,411</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93.46%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,575,938</u>	<u>\$ 17,330,938</u>	<u>\$ 245,000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Library's investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring that the Library's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments.

Credit risk is the possibility that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The Library has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

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Custodial credit risk 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 has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirements in ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, "Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee."

The Library places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 5 - GRANTS IN AID AND PROPERTY TAXES

Grants in Aid

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocates PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State's general revenue fund during the preceding month using the statutory allocation method. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors. The actual current year entitlements were computed in December of the current year. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June of the subsequent year.

Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located within Summit County. Property tax revenue received during 2023 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2022 taxes.

2023 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2023, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2023 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2024.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, the payment is due December 31. If paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2023 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes.

In May of 2015, of the Library district's voters approved a 1.4 mil renewal and a 0.5 mil increase property tax levy for a six-year period with collections beginning in 2016. In 2021, the voters approved a 1.9 mil renewal property tax levy. Collections for the levy begins in 2022 and ends in 2027.

The County Fiscal Officer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county including the Library. The County Fiscal Officer periodically remits the Library's portion of the taxes collected.

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NOTE 6 - TRANSFERS

During 2023, the following transfers were made:

Transfer from	Transfer to		Total
	Major Fund: Building and Repair	Other Nonmajor Governmental	
General Fund	\$3,000,000	\$315,025	\$3,315,025

The above-mentioned Transfers From/To were made to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2023, the Library contracted with several companies for various types of insurance coverage as follows:

Company	Type of Coverage	Coverage
Cincinnati Insurance	Property - Main - Building	\$60,000,000
	Property - Branches - Building	\$32,300,000
	Property - Main - Contents	\$20,800,000
	Property - Branches - Contents	\$23,555,353
	Commercial Umbrella Liability	\$7,000,000
	Electronic Data Equipment	\$2,653,525
	Fine Arts	\$502,401
	Extra Expense	\$2,010,000
	General Liability, in aggregate	\$2,000,000
	General Liability, per occurrence	\$1,000,000
	Fleet Insurance, single limit	\$1,000,000
	Fleet Insurance, uninsured	\$1,000,000
	Employee Dishonesty	\$250,000
	Boiler and Machinery	Property Limits
	Flood	\$1,000,000
	Earthquake	\$5,000,000
Bookmobile Contents	\$1,345,753	
Off Premises Services Interruption	\$250,000	
Philadelphia Insurance	Directors and Officers Liability	\$3,000,000
	Employment Practices	\$3,000,000
Western Surety	Public Officials Bond	\$200,000
CFC Underwriting Limited	Cyber	\$2,000,000
Intact Insurance	Builders Risk	\$2,500,000

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years and there was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)

The Library pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The System administers and pays all claims.

The Library also provides health, dental and vision insurances to employees through private carriers.

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - Library employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment. The options for Public Safety and Law Enforcement permit early retirement under qualifying circumstances as early as age 48 with a reduced benefit.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost of living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20.00% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local	
	Traditional	Combined
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %
 2023 Actual Contribution Rates		
Employer:		
Pension **	14.0 %	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0	2.0
 Total Employer	 14.0 %	 14.0 %
 Employee	 10.0 %	 10.0 %

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The Library's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was \$1,927,861 for 2023.

NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees, and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN - (Continued)

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50.00% of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

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NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLAN - (Continued)

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2023 was 4.00%; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Library's contractually required contribution was \$20,645 for 2023.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During 2023, the following activity occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Due in</u> <u>One Year</u>
Library Facilities					
Notes, Series 2022	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ (226,733)	\$ 973,267	\$ 231,426

Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022 - On May 27, 2022, the Library issued \$1,200,000 in general obligation notes to provide funding for capital improvements.

The issue is comprised of general obligation notes, par value \$1,200,000. The interest rate on the notes is 3.35%. Interest payments on the notes are due on May 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is May 1, 2027. Principal and interest payments will be paid with public library fund monies out of the Note Retirement Debt Service Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The following is a summary of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022:

Year Ending <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 231,426	\$ 32,604	\$ 264,030
2025	239,178	24,852	264,030
2026	247,191	16,839	264,030
2027	<u>255,472</u>	<u>8,558</u>	<u>264,030</u>
Total	<u>\$ 973,267</u>	<u>\$ 82,853</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,120</u>

NOTE 11 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Library may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, they believe the resolution of any matter will not materially adversely affect the Library’s financial condition.

NOTE 12 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio’s state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. The Library will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

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NOTE 13 - FUND BALANCES

Fund balance is classified as restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Library is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Building and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable				
Unclaimed monies	\$ 9,182	\$ -		\$ 9,182
Permanent fund:				
Barber fund	-	-	10,000	10,000
Taylor Lerch fund	-	-	425,825	425,825
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>9,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>435,825</u>	<u>445,007</u>
Restricted for				
Donor specified purposes	-	-	63,580	63,580
Grantor specified purposes	-	-	50,048	50,048
Forfeited employee FSA	-	-	13,056	13,056
FSA contributions	-	-	10,577	10,577
Permanent fund expendable:				
Barber fund	-	-	1,670	1,670
Taylor Lerch fund	-	-	19,926	19,926
Debt service	-	-	86,582	86,582
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,439</u>	<u>245,439</u>
Committed for				
Fundraising	-	-	34,295	34,295
Assigned to				
Capital projects	-	6,907,653	736,356	7,644,009
Subsequent year appropriations	10,344,815	-	-	10,344,815
Encumbrances	554,041	-	-	554,041
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>10,898,856</u>	<u>6,907,653</u>	<u>736,356</u>	<u>18,542,865</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,807,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,807,985</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 12,716,023</u>	<u>\$ 6,907,653</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,915</u>	<u>\$ 21,075,591</u>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(UNAUDITED)**

This discussion and analysis of the Akron-Summit County Public Library's (the Library) financial performance provides an overall review of the Library's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022, within the limitations of the Library's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Library's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2022 are as follows:

- The total net position of the Library increased \$3,741,977 or 21.30% during 2022.
- General receipts accounted for \$32,520,752 or 98.43% of total governmental activities receipts. Program specific receipts accounted for \$518,109 or 1.57% of total governmental activities receipts.
- The Library had \$29,296,884 in disbursements related to governmental activities; \$518,109 of these disbursements were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General receipts (primarily property taxes and public library fund receipts) of \$32,520,752 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- The Library's major funds are the General Fund and Building and Repair Fund. The General Fund had receipts of \$31,613,033 in 2022. The disbursements and other financing uses of the General Fund totaled \$32,112,718 in 2022. The General Fund's balance decreased \$499,685 from a balance of \$14,422,991 to \$13,923,306.
- The Building and Repair Fund had receipts of \$64,656 from earnings on investments, \$1,200,000 from Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022, and transfers in from the General Fund of \$4,214,050. Disbursements totaled \$1,342,169 in 2022. The Building and Repair Fund balance increased \$4,136,537 from a balance of \$2,121,593 to \$6,258,130.

Using this Cash Basis Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Library's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the Library as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Library as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Library has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Library's cash basis of accounting, receipts, and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

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As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Library as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities reflect how the Library did financially during 2022, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The Statement of Net Position presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Library at year-end. The Statement of Activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts. Program receipts include patron fines and fees and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the Library's general receipts.

These statements report the Library's net position and the changes in net position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, these changes are one way to measure the Library's financial health. Over time, an increase or decrease in the Library's net position is one indicator of whether the Library's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Library's financial condition, one should also consider other nonfinancial factors as well such as the Library's property tax base, the condition of the Library's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the Library's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources such as property tax and the Public Library Fund (PLF).

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the Library reports governmental activities. All of the Library's programs and services are reported here, including general public services, purchased and contracted services, and library materials and information. These services are primarily funded by property taxes and the PLF. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them.

Reporting the Library's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Library's major funds, not the Library as a whole. The Library establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. The funds of the Library are as follows:

- **Governmental Funds** - All of the Library's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the Library's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Library's programs. The Library's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The information for nonmajor funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Library's major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Building and Repair Fund. The programs reported in governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional and explanatory data. They are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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The Library as a Whole

Table I provides a summary of the Library's net position at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

**Table I
Net Position**

	Governmental Activities <u>2022</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,311,294	\$ 17,569,317
<u>Net Position</u>		
Restricted for:		
Debt service	86,582	86,582
Unclaimed monies	9,182	9,182
Donor specified purposes	48,289	-
Grantor specified purposes	97,297	-
Forfeited FSA	13,056	13,056
FSA contributions	5,550	-
Permanent fund:		
Expendable	11,949	11,623
Nonexpendable	435,825	435,825
Other purposes	-	107,647
Unrestricted	<u>20,603,564</u>	<u>16,905,402</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>	<u>\$ 17,569,317</u>

The total net position of the Library increased \$3,741,977, which represents a 21.30% increase over December 31, 2021's net position. This increase was primarily the result of an increase in public library funds and property and other local taxes.

The balance of government-wide unrestricted net position of \$20,603,564 may be used to meet the Library's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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Table 2 reflects the changes in net position in 2022 and 2021 for governmental activities:

	Table 2	
	Change in Net Position	
	Governmental Activities 2022	Governmental Activities 2021
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for services and sales	\$ 272,526	\$ 210,452
Operating grants, contributions and interest	180,927	173,436
Capital grants, contributions and interest	<u>64,656</u>	<u>-</u>
Total program receipts	<u>518,109</u>	<u>383,888</u>
General receipts:		
Property taxes levied for general purposes	14,376,955	14,092,823
Public library fund	15,179,400	14,128,845
Grants and entitlements not restricted	1,302,324	1,470,896
Unrestricted gifts and contributions	621	968
Earnings on investments	214,020	16,466
Sale of notes	1,200,000	-
Miscellaneous	<u>247,432</u>	<u>164,538</u>
Total general receipts	<u>32,520,752</u>	<u>29,874,536</u>
Total receipts	<u>33,038,861</u>	<u>30,258,424</u>
Disbursements:		
Current:		
Library services:		
Public services and programs	13,139,933	13,067,723
Collection development and processing	4,778,858	4,257,042
Support services:		
Facilities operation and maintenance	4,654,409	4,548,956
Information services	1,016,925	933,323
Business administration	3,813,572	3,805,848
Capital outlay	<u>1,893,187</u>	<u>700,599</u>
Total disbursements	<u>29,296,884</u>	<u>27,313,491</u>
Change in net position	3,741,977	2,944,933
Net position at beginning of year	<u>17,569,317</u>	<u>14,624,384</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>	<u>\$ 17,569,317</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental net position increased by \$3,741,977 in 2022 from 2021. Total governmental disbursements of \$29,296,884 were offset by program receipts of \$518,109 and general receipts of \$32,520,752. Program receipts supported 1.77% of the total governmental disbursements.

Program receipts represent 1.57 percent of total receipts and are primarily comprised of patron fines and fees, grants, and contributions and donations.

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General receipts represent 98.43 percent of the Library's total receipts, and of this, 43.52 percent are local taxes. Public library fund and unrestricted grants and entitlements make up another 49.89 percent of the Library's general receipts. The Library issued notes in the amount of \$1,200,000, which are reported in general receipts. Earnings on investments and other miscellaneous receipts are less significant and somewhat unpredictable revenue sources.

The first column of the Statement of Activities lists the major services provided by the Library. The Cash Disbursements column of the Statement identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are Public Services and Programs, Collection Development and Processing, Facilities Operation and Maintenance, Information Services, Business Administration, and Capital Outlay, which account for 44.85 percent, 16.31 percent, 15.89 percent, 3.47 percent, 13.02 percent, and 6.46 percent of all Library disbursements, respectively. The Program Receipt columns of the Statement titled Program Cash Receipts identify amounts paid by persons who are directly charged for the respective service and grants received by the Library that must be used to provide a specific service. The Net (Disbursements) Receipts column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service paid by taxpayers from the Library's general receipts which are represented at the bottom of the Statement.

A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3 below:

**Table 3
Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services <u>2022</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2022</u>	Total Cost of Services <u>2021</u>	Net Cost of Services <u>2021</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	\$ 13,139,933	\$ 12,828,632	\$ 13,067,723	\$ 12,774,546
Collection development and processing	4,778,858	4,765,915	4,257,042	4,250,111
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	4,654,409	4,654,409	4,548,956	4,548,956
Information services	1,016,925	1,016,925	933,323	933,323
Business administration	3,813,572	3,730,076	3,805,848	3,722,068
Capital outlay	<u>1,893,187</u>	<u>1,782,818</u>	<u>700,599</u>	<u>700,599</u>
Total	<u>\$ 29,296,884</u>	<u>\$ 28,778,775</u>	<u>\$ 27,313,491</u>	<u>\$ 26,929,603</u>

The dependence upon general receipts for governmental activities is apparent; with 98.23 percent of disbursements supported through taxes and other general receipts during 2022.

The Library's Funds

Total governmental funds receipts and other financing sources were \$37,352,911 and disbursements and other financing uses were \$33,610,934. The General Fund receipts were \$499,685 less than disbursements, and other financing uses and the ending fund balance was \$13,923,306. The General Fund made transfers of \$4,314,050 to other funds during 2022. Receipts increased by \$1,512,303, primarily due to an increase in property and other local taxes and public library fund receipts. Disbursements increased \$1,091,388 in 2022 in all areas except for business administration.

The Building and Repair Fund balance increased \$4,136,537 from transfers in and the issuance of the Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022, to finance capital improvements.

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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Library's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and accounts for transactions on a cash basis of receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During 2022, the Library amended its General Fund budget to reflect changing circumstances. Final budgeted receipts were \$30,695,827 and actual receipts were \$31,599,351 which was \$903,524 more receipts than budgeted. The original and final budget for disbursements was \$42,220,400 and actual disbursements and other financing uses were \$32,671,554 (cash disbursements plus encumbrances). Actual disbursements were \$9,548,846 less than budgeted. The primary reason for the difference between budgeted and actual disbursements was due to a budgeted contingency that was not spent. Annually, a contingency line item is included in the budget but normally is not utilized.

Debt Administration

The Library issued \$1,200,000 in Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022 during 2022. At December 31, 2022, \$226,733 is due in one year and \$973,267 is due in more than one year. The notes carry an interest rate of 3.35% and have a final maturity of May 1, 2027.

See Note 10 in the basic financial statements for detail on the Library's debt administration.

Current Issues

All Ohio libraries face the challenge to continue providing quality services to the public while experiencing certain uncertainties in funding. Ohio's public libraries, including the Akron-Summit County Public Library (the Library), depend on the State of Ohio for a major part of their funding through the Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF is calculated as a percentage of the state's General Revenue Fund (GRF) tax revenue. Ohio libraries received 1.7 percent of the GRF tax revenue for the calendar year 2022 (the Library's fiscal year). Calendar year 2022 is partially within the state's biennium budget period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 and partially within the budget period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Since the PLF is based on a percentage of the state's revenue, the PLF funding fluctuates as the state's revenue fluctuates.

The Library's other major operating revenue source is a local property tax levy. The six-year 1.9 mill local property tax levy was approved by the voters in May 2015 to provide for general operations. Collections from this levy run from 2016 through 2021. In May 2021, the voters approved a renewal of the 1.9 mill levy. Collections from the renewal will run from calendar year 2022 through calendar year 2027.

The Library has remained committed to careful and thoughtful spending, especially since future State funding is somewhat uncertain and levy revenue may remain flat or decline during the levy cycle. During the recession and in the years immediately following it, the Library did not reduce public hours or the services we provided. Significant reductions in salary expenses were realized through workforce attrition and reorganizing work duties. In 2014 and 2015 however, we decreased public hours in order to achieve additional savings to meet the continuing budget constraints and to accommodate our reduced staff levels. In 2016, the Library added back some of the public hours and began filling some open positions in anticipation of additional revenue from the new levy. In 2017 through 2019 the Library continued carefully evaluating hiring for open positions when necessary and reorganizing work duties when practical. In 2020, as a result of the pandemic shut downs, the Library realized significant savings by furloughing approximately 85% of our staff between mid-April and mid-June and suspending in-building services and programming. Throughout 2022, the Library's staffing level was still below pre-pandemic levels primarily due to voluntary separations and continuing to leave selected positions vacant. Future budget considerations include significant capital expenditures to meet the needs of our aging buildings. The Library is exploring possible revenues to fund these upcoming capital needs.

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The Akron-Summit County Public Library is a community place for individual development and civic growth. Partnering with other government agencies, community organizations, and educational institutions, the Library brings resources, services, and programming to customers of all ages and abilities, and acts as a catalyst for positive personal and community outcomes. From our Library of Things to computer workshops, from book discussion groups to grant-seeking workshops, from story times in local parks to art workshops in local shelters, the Akron-Summit County Public Library reflects its core values - Excellence, Service, Learning, Diversity and Inclusion - within and beyond our walls.

Contacting the Library's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Library's finances and to reflect the Library's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Michelle Scarpitti, Fiscal Officer, Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,311,294
Total assets	\$ 21,311,294
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Debt service	\$ 86,582
Unclaimed monies	9,182
Donor specified purposes	48,289
Grantor specified purposes	97,297
Forfeited employee FSA	13,056
FSA contributions	5,550
Permanent fund:	
Expendable	11,949
Nonexpendable	435,825
Unrestricted	20,603,564
Total net position	\$ 21,311,294

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General	Building and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,923,306	\$ 6,258,130	\$ 1,129,858	\$ 21,311,294
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	\$ 9,182	\$ -	\$ 435,825	\$ 445,007
Restricted	-	-	262,723	262,723
Assigned	12,688,370	6,258,130	431,310	19,377,810
Unassigned	1,225,754	-	-	1,225,754
Total fund balances	\$ 13,923,306	\$ 6,258,130	\$ 1,129,858	\$ 21,311,294

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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	<u>General</u>	<u>Building and Repair</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 14,376,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,376,955
Public library	15,179,400	-	-	15,179,400
Intergovernmental	1,302,324	-	-	1,302,324
Patron fines and fees	272,526	-	-	272,526
Contributions, gifts and donations	20,376	-	71,713	92,089
Earnings on investments	214,020	64,656	5,963	284,639
Miscellaneous	247,432	-	83,496	330,928
Total receipts	<u>31,613,033</u>	<u>64,656</u>	<u>161,172</u>	<u>31,838,861</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	13,129,933	-	10,000	13,139,933
Collection development and processing	4,772,963	-	5,895	4,778,858
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	4,654,409	-	-	4,654,409
Information services	1,016,925	-	-	1,016,925
Business administration	3,725,163	-	88,409	3,813,572
Capital outlay	499,275	1,342,169	51,743	1,893,187
Total disbursements	<u>27,798,668</u>	<u>1,342,169</u>	<u>156,047</u>	<u>29,296,884</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>3,814,365</u>	<u>(1,277,513)</u>	<u>5,125</u>	<u>2,541,977</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Note issuance	-	1,200,000	-	1,200,000
Transfers in	-	4,214,050	100,000	4,314,050
Transfers (out)	<u>(4,314,050)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,314,050)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(4,314,050)</u>	<u>5,414,050</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	(499,685)	4,136,537	105,125	3,741,977
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>14,422,991</u>	<u>2,121,593</u>	<u>1,024,733</u>	<u>17,569,317</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 13,923,306</u>	<u>\$ 6,258,130</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,858</u>	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 13,418,065	\$ 13,965,873	\$ 14,376,955	\$ 411,082
Public library	14,166,990	14,745,374	15,179,400	434,026
Intergovernmental	1,215,464	1,265,086	1,302,324	37,238
Patron fines and fees	254,350	264,734	272,526	7,792
Contributions, gifts and donations	19,017	19,793	20,376	583
Earnings on investments	186,976	194,610	200,338	5,728
Miscellaneous	230,929	240,357	247,432	7,075
Total receipts	<u>29,491,791</u>	<u>30,695,827</u>	<u>31,599,351</u>	<u>903,524</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Library services:				
Public services and programs	14,224,365	14,224,365	13,246,511	977,854
Collection development and processing	6,657,811	6,657,811	5,031,524	1,626,287
Support services:				
Facilities operation and maintenance	5,404,046	5,404,046	4,680,609	723,437
Information services	1,346,549	1,346,549	1,031,497	315,052
Business administration	9,397,228	9,397,228	3,707,117	5,690,111
Capital outlay	876,351	876,351	660,246	216,105
Total disbursements	<u>37,906,350</u>	<u>37,906,350</u>	<u>28,357,504</u>	<u>9,548,846</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>(8,414,559)</u>	<u>(7,210,523)</u>	<u>3,241,847</u>	<u>10,452,370</u>
Other financing (uses):				
Transfers (out)	<u>(4,314,050)</u>	<u>(4,314,050)</u>	<u>(4,314,050)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(12,728,609)	(11,524,573)	(1,072,203)	10,452,370
Fund balances at beginning of year	12,792,409	12,792,409	12,792,409	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	581,699	581,699	581,699	-
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 645,499</u>	<u>\$ 1,849,535</u>	<u>\$ 12,301,905</u>	<u>\$ 10,452,370</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE LIBRARY AND REPORTING ENTITY

The Board of Library Trustees of the Akron-Summit Public Library (the Library) has seven members: three appointed by the Common Pleas Court Judges and four appointed by the Summit County Executive and Council, as established by section 3375.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Appointments are for seven-year terms and members serve without compensation. Under Ohio statutes, the Library is a body politic and corporate capable of suing and being sued; contracting; acquiring, holding, possessing, and disposing of real and personal property; and exercising such powers and privileges as are conferred upon it by law. The Library also determines and operates under its own budget. The control and management of the Library is governed by Sections 3375.33 to 3375.41 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board of Library Trustees appoints a Director and Fiscal Officer.

There is no potential for the Library to provide a financial benefit to or to impose a financial burden on the County Council, nor can the County Councils significantly influence the programs, activities, or level of service performed or provided by the Library. The Library is fiscally independent of the County, although the County Council serve in a ministerial capacity as the taxing authority. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose(s) of the levy are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Library Trustees. Once these decisions are made, the County Council must place the levy on the ballot.

Under the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the Library is considered a related organization to Summit County.

There are nineteen Friends groups associated with the Library: one for Main Library; one for each branch library; and one Council of Friends, which is an umbrella group for the other Friends groups. Each Friends group is a not-for-profit organization with a self-appointing board. The Library is not financially accountable for these organizations, nor does the Library approve the budgets or the issuance of debt of these organizations. Therefore, these organizations have been excluded from the reporting entity of the Library.

The Library's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Library is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation and Accounting

As discussed further in the "Basis of Accounting" section of this note, these financial statements are prepared on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Library's accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Library's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Library as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the Library. The statements present the activities of the Library as governmental activities. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

The statement of net position presents the cash and investment balances of the governmental activities of the Library at year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the Library's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Library is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the Library's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements - During the year, the Library segregates transactions related to certain Library functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Library at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Library's funds are governmental only.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which all governmental functions of the Library are financed. The following are the Library's major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for or reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Library for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Building and Repair Fund - The building and repair fund accounts for and reports the transfer of general fund receipts and other resources received for the purpose of building, expanding, and repairing library buildings.

The other governmental funds of the Library account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed, or assigned to a particular purpose.

Basis of Accounting

The Library's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Library's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be appropriated. The appropriations resolution is the Board of Trustees' authorization to spend resources and sets limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Trustees. The legal level of control has been established at the fund and character or major category of the object code level for the General Fund and at fund level for all other funds. Budgetary modifications at the legal level of control may only be made by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

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For control purposes, the Library estimates cash receipts for the year. These estimated receipts, together with the unencumbered carryover balances from the prior year, set a limit on the amount the Board of Trustees may appropriate. The estimated receipts may be revised during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts of estimated resources at the time final appropriations were enacted by the Board of Trustees.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations should not exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first permanent appropriation for that fund including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board of Trustees during the year.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts respectively. Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

During 2022, the Library invested in negotiable certificates of deposit, a money market account, and STAR Ohio. Investments are reported at cost, except for the money market account and STAR Ohio. The Library's money market account investment is reported by Fifth Third Securities, Inc. on December 31, 2022.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The Library measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For 2022, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$100 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$250 million per day, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$250 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Interest earnings are allocated to Library funds according to State statutes, grant requirements, debt related restrictions, or Library policy. Interest receipts credited to the General Fund during 2022 totaled \$214,020 which includes \$57,987 assigned from other Library funds.

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Library are reported as restricted as well as the nonspendable portions of endowments.

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Library reports disbursements for inventories and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

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Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller fund and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Library's cash basis of accounting.

Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Library recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Long-Term Obligations

The Library's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a lease transaction is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay disbursement is reported at inception. Lease payments are reported when paid.

Leases

For 2022, GASB Statement No. 87, Leases was effective. This GASB pronouncement had no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

The Library is the lessor/lessee in various leases related to buildings, vehicles, and other equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease receivables/payables are not reflected under the Library's cash basis of accounting. Lease receipts/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes include resources restricted for the benefit of Library programs and the purchase of certain materials.

The Library's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily to the extent that the Library is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Trustees. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Library for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Trustees or a Library official delegated that authority by resolution or by State statute. State statute authorizes the Fiscal Officer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The Board of Trustees may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year’s appropriated budget in the General Fund.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained 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 disbursements 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 disbursements are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications may be used.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budgetary Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis are as follows:

1. Outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis).
2. Multiple funds are combined with the general fund in the financial statements to comply with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 54. The budgetary basis statement presents only the activity of the general fund.

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NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - (Continued)

Adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations at the end of the year on the budget basis to the cash basis are as follows:

	<u>General</u>
Cash Basis	\$ (1,072,203)
Adjustment for GASB 54	(22,082)
Encumbrances	<u>594,600</u>
Budget Basis	<u>\$ (499,685)</u>

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

State statutes classify monies held by the Library into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the Library treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the Library treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public monies that have been identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of the deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

Protection of the Library's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institution's participation in 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.

Interim monies held by the Library can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and Government National Mortgage Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

5. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
6. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio, and, with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
7. The State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and;
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Library, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the Library, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Fiscal Officer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

At year-end, the Library had \$2,625 of undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents" on the financial statements.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Library will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year-end, the carrying amount of the Library's deposits was \$3,599,317 and the bank balance was \$3,809,844. At year end, \$1,162,639 of the Library's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk because those deposits were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Library's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 50 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

The Library has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or be protected by:

Eligible securities pledged to the Library and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or

Participation in 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. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Investments

The fair value of these investments is not materially different from measurement value. As of December 31, 2022, the Library had the following investments:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Value</u>	<u>Investment Maturities</u>		<u>Percentage of Total Investments</u>
		<u>6 Months or Less</u>	<u>7 to 12 Months</u>	
<i>Fair value:</i>				
U.S. Government Money Market	\$ 242,740	\$ 242,740	\$ -	1.37%
<i>Cost:</i>				
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	879,000	480,000	399,000	4.96%
<i>Net Asset Value:</i>				
STAR Ohio	<u>16,587,612</u>	<u>16,587,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93.67%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,709,352</u>	<u>\$ 17,310,352</u>	<u>\$ 399,000</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Interest rate risk arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The Library’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk by requiring that the Library’s investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity, and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments.

Credit risk is the possibility that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor’s. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The Library has no investment policy dealing with investment credit risk beyond the requirements in State statutes.

Custodial credit risk 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 has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirements in ORC 135.14(M)(2) which states, “Payment for investments shall be made only upon the delivery of securities representing such investments to the treasurer, investing authority, or qualified trustee. If the securities transferred are not represented by a certificate, payment shall be made only upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian by the treasurer, governing board, or qualified trustee.”

The Library places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 5 - GRANTS IN AID AND PROPERTY TAXES

Grants in Aid

The primary source of revenue for Ohio public libraries is the Public Library Fund (PLF). The State allocates PLF to each county based on the total tax revenue credited to the State’s general revenue fund during the preceding month using the statutory allocation method. Estimated entitlement figures were issued to County Auditors. The actual current year entitlements were computed in December of the current year. The difference between the estimate and actual will be adjusted evenly in the PLF distributions made from January-June of the subsequent year.

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NOTE 5 - GRANTS IN AID AND PROPERTY TAXES - (Continued)

Property Taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located within Summit County. Property tax revenue received during 2022 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2021 taxes.

2022 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2022, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2022, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2022 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2023.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, the payment is due December 31. If paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31 with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2022 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2021, are levied after October 1, 2022, and are collected in 2023 with real property taxes.

In May of 2015, of the Library district’s voters approved a 1.4 mil renewal and a 0.5 mil increase property tax levy for a six-year period with collections beginning in 2016. In 2021, the voters approved a 1.9 mil renewal property tax levy. Collections for the levy begins in 2022 and ends in 2027.

The County Fiscal Officer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county including the Library. The County Fiscal Officer periodically remits the Library’s portion of the taxes collected.

NOTE 6 - TRANSFERS

During 2022, the following transfers were made:

	Transfer to		
Transfer from	Major Fund: Building and Repair	Other Nonmajor Governmental	Total
General Fund	\$4,214,050	\$100,000	\$4,314,050

The above-mentioned Transfers From/To were made to use unrestricted receipts collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2022, the Library contracted with several companies for various types of insurance coverage as follows:

Company	Type of Coverage	Coverage
Cincinnati Insurance	Property - Main - Building	\$60,000,000
	Property - Branches - Building	\$32,300,000
	Property - Main - Contents	\$20,800,000
	Property - Branches - Contents	\$23,555,353
	Commercial Umbrella Liability	\$7,000,000
	Electronic Data Equipment	\$2,653,525
	Fine Arts	\$382,383
	Extra Expense	\$2,010,000
	General Liability, in aggregate	\$2,000,000
	General Liability, per occurrence	\$1,000,000
	Fleet Insurance, single limit	\$1,000,000
	Fleet Insurance, uninsured	\$1,000,000
	Employee Dishonesty	\$250,000
	Boiler and Machinery	Property Limits
	Flood	\$1,000,000
	Earthquake	\$5,000,000
	Bookmobile Contents	\$1,345,753
Off Premises Services Interruption	\$250,000	
Philadelphia Insurance	Directors and Officers Liability	\$3,000,000
	Employment Practices	\$3,000,000
Western Surety	Public Officials Bond	\$200,000

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years and there was no significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

The Library pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs. The System administers and pays all claims.

The Library also provides health, dental and vision insurances to employees through private carriers.

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - Library employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

Final Average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost of living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost of living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - (Continued)

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Combined Plan is no longer available for member selection.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local
2022 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %
 2022 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension **	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0
Total Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2022, the Library's contractually required contribution was 1,796,839.

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NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust, which funds multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) to qualifying benefit recipients of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. Currently, Medicare-eligible retirees are able to select medical and prescription drug plans from a range of options and may elect optional vision and dental plans. Retirees and eligible dependents enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B have the option to enroll in a Medicare supplemental plan with the assistance of the OPERS Medicare Connector. The OPERS Medicare Connector is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees, spouses and dependents with selecting a medical and pharmacy plan. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are deposited into an HRA. For non-Medicare retirees and eligible dependents, OPERS sponsors medical and prescription coverage through a professionally managed self-insured plan. An allowance to offset a portion of the monthly premium is offered to retirees and eligible dependents. The allowance is based on the retiree's years of service and age when they first enrolled in OPERS coverage.

OPERS provides a monthly allowance for health care coverage for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents. The base allowance is determined by OPERS. For those retiring on or after January 1, 2015, the allowance has been determined by applying a percentage to the base allowance. The percentage applied is based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51 percent and 90 percent of the base allowance. Those who retired prior to January 1, 2015, will have an allowance of at least 75 percent of the base allowance.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

In order to qualify for postemployment health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have twenty or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with a minimum age of 60. Members in Group A are eligible for coverage at any age with 30 or more years of qualifying service. Members in Group B are eligible at any age with 32 years of qualifying service, or at age 52 with 31 years of qualifying service. Members in Group C are eligible for coverage with 32 years of qualifying service and a minimum age of 55. Current retirees eligible (or who became eligible prior to January 1, 2022) to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022. Eligibility requirements change for those retiring after January 1, 2022, with differing eligibility requirements for Medicare retirees and non-Medicare retirees. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 75. See OPERS' Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced below for additional information.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

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STARK COUNTY, OHIO**

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NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan and the combined plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2022, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. This is the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2022, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Library's contractually required contribution was \$-0- for 2022.

NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

During 2022, the following activity occurred in governmental activities long-term obligations:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>Due in</u> <u>One Year</u>
Library Facilities					
Notes, Series 2022	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 226,733

Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022 - On May 27, 2022, the Library issued \$1,200,000 in general obligation notes to provide funding for capital improvements.

The issue is comprised of general obligation notes, par value \$1,200,000. The interest rate on the notes is 3.35%. Interest payments on the notes are due on May 1 of each year. The final maturity stated in the issue is May 1, 2027. Principal and interest payments will be paid with public library fund monies out of the Tax Anticipation Note Retirement Debt Service Fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

The following is a summary of the future debt service requirements to maturity for the Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Library Facilities Notes, Series 2022</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ 226,733	\$ 37,297	\$ 264,030
2024	231,426	32,604	264,030
2025	239,178	24,852	264,030
2026	247,191	16,839	264,030
2027	255,472	8,558	264,030
Total	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 120,150	\$ 1,320,150

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NOTE 11 - FUND BALANCES

Fund balance is classified as restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Library is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balances	General	Building and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:				
Unclaimed monies	\$ 9,182	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,182
Permanent fund:				
Barber fund	-	-	10,000	10,000
Taylor Lerch fund	-	-	425,825	425,825
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<u>9,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>435,825</u>	<u>445,007</u>
Restricted for				
Donor specified purposes	-	-	48,289	48,289
Grantor specified purposes	-	-	97,297	97,297
Forfeited employee FSA	-	-	13,056	13,056
FSA contributions	-	-	5,550	5,550
Permanent fund expendable:				
Barber fund	-	-	1,210	1,210
Taylor Lerch fund	-	-	10,739	10,739
Debt service	-	-	86,582	86,582
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,723</u>	<u>262,723</u>
Assigned to				
Capital projects	-	6,258,130	431,310	6,689,440
Subsequent year appropriations	12,093,770	-	-	12,093,770
Encumbrance	594,600	-	-	594,600
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<u>12,688,370</u>	<u>6,258,130</u>	<u>431,310</u>	<u>19,377,810</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,225,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,225,754</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 13,923,306</u>	<u>\$ 6,258,130</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,858</u>	<u>\$ 21,311,294</u>

NOTE 12 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Library may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, they believe the resolution of any matter will not materially adversely affect the Library's financial condition.

NOTE 13 - COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency continues. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Library. The impact on the Library's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated. The Library's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined.

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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

Akron-Summit County Public Library
Summit County
60 S. High Street
Akron, Ohio 44328

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Summit County, (the Library) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 12, 2024, 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.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Library's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Library's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control.

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 and correct 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 Library's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Library's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

November 12, 2024

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMIT COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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APPENDIX D

Proposed Texts of Opinion of Bond Counsel

SERIES 2026A BONDS

We have served as bond counsel to our client the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio (the “Library”), in connection with the issuance by the County of Summit, Ohio, as the bond-issuing authority for the Library, of \$_____ Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Bonds”), dated the date of this letter, and issued for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving library buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing and improving the sites thereof.

In our capacity as bond counsel, we have examined the transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds, a copy of the signed and authenticated Bond of the first maturity and such other documents, matters and law as we deem necessary to render the opinions set forth in this letter.

Based on that examination and subject to the limitations stated below, we are of the opinion that under existing law:

1. The Bonds constitute valid and binding general obligations of the Library, and the principal of and interest on the Bonds, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to amount or rate, on all property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the County Council of the County of Summit, Ohio, as the taxing authority for the Library.

2. Interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. Interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Series 2026A Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. We express no opinion as to any other tax consequences regarding the Bonds.

The opinions stated above are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. In rendering all such opinions, we assume, without independent verification, and rely upon (i) the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the proceedings and documents we have examined and (ii) the due and legal authorization, execution and delivery of those documents by, and the valid, binding and enforceable nature of those documents upon, any parties other than the Library.

In rendering those opinions with respect to the treatment of the interest on the Bonds under the federal tax laws, we further assume and rely upon compliance with the covenants in the proceedings and documents we have examined, including those of the Library. Failure to comply with certain of those covenants subsequent to issuance of the Bonds may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to their date of issuance.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, and other laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally; to the application of equitable principles, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity; to the exercise of judicial discretion; and to limitations on legal remedies against public entities.

No opinions other than those expressly stated herein are implied or shall be inferred as a result of anything contained in or omitted from this letter. The opinions expressed in this letter are stated only as of the time of its delivery, and we disclaim any obligation to revise or supplement this letter thereafter. Our engagement as bond counsel in connection with the original issuance and delivery of the Bonds is concluded upon delivery of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

SERIES 2026B BONDS

We have served as bond counsel to our client the Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio (the “Library”), in connection with the issuance by the County of Summit, Ohio, as the bond-issuing authority for the Library, of \$ _____ Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable) (the “Bonds”), dated the date of this letter, and issued for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving library buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing and improving the sites thereof.

In our capacity as bond counsel, we have examined the transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds, a copy of the signed and authenticated Bond of the first maturity and such other documents, matters and law as we deem necessary to render the opinions set forth in this letter.

Based on that examination and subject to the limitations stated below, we are of the opinion that under existing law:

1. The Bonds constitute valid and binding general obligations of the Library, and the principal of and interest on the Bonds, unless paid from other sources, are to be paid from the proceeds of the levy of ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to amount or rate, on all property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the County Council of the County of Summit, Ohio, as the taxing authority for the Library.

2. Interest on the Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on and any profit made on the sale, exchange, or other disposition of, the Bonds are exempt from the Ohio personal income tax, the net income base of the Ohio corporate franchise tax, the Ohio commercial activity tax, and municipal, school district, and joint economic development district income taxes in Ohio. We express no opinion as to any other tax consequences regarding the Bonds.

The opinions stated above are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. In rendering all such opinions, we assume, without independent verification, and rely upon (i) the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the proceedings and documents we have examined and (ii) the due and legal authorization, execution and delivery of those documents by, and the valid, binding and enforceable nature of those documents upon, any parties other than the Library.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, and other laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally; to the application of equitable principles, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity; to the exercise of judicial discretion; and to limitations on legal remedies against public entities.

No opinions other than those expressly stated herein are implied or shall be inferred as a result of anything contained in or omitted from this letter. The opinions expressed in this letter are stated only as of the time of its delivery and we disclaim any obligation to revise or supplement this letter thereafter. Our engagement as bond counsel in connection with the original issuance and delivery of the Bonds is concluded upon delivery of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

APPENDIX E

Book-Entry System; DTC

Book-Entry System

The information set forth in the following numbered paragraphs is based on information provided by The Depository Trust Company in its “Sample Offering Document Language Describing DTC and Book-Entry-Only Issuance” (September 2024). As such, the Library believes it to be reliable, but the Library takes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of that information. It has been adapted to the Bonds issue by substituting “Bonds” for “Securities,” “Library” for “Issuer” and “Bond Registrar” for “registrar” and by the addition of the italicized language set forth in the text. See also the additional information following those numbered paragraphs.

1. The Depository Trust Company (DTC) will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds (*and interest rate within a maturity*), each in the principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with and retained in the custody of DTC or its agent.

2. DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has Standard & Poor’s highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org. (*These internet sites are included for reference only, and the information in these internet sites is not incorporated by reference in this Official Statement.*)

3. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Bond Registrar and request that copies of the notices be provided directly to them.

6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Library as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

8. Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividends (*debt charges payments*) on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Library or the Bond Registrar, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Bond Registrar, or the Library, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions and dividends (*debt charges*) to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Library or the Bond Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

9. (*Not Applicable to the Bonds.*)

10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Library or the Bond Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed (or otherwise produced) and delivered.

11. The Library may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed (*or otherwise produced*) and delivered to DTC. (*See also **Revision of Book-Entry System; Replacement Bonds.***)

12. The information above in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Library believes to be reliable, but the Library takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Direct Participants and Indirect Participants may impose service charges on Beneficial Owners in certain cases. Purchasers of book-entry interests should discuss that possibility with their brokers.

The Library and the Bond Registrar have no role in the purchases, transfers or sales of book-entry interests. The rights of Beneficial Owners to transfer or pledge their interests, and the manner of transferring or pledging those interests, may be subject to applicable state law. Beneficial Owners may want to discuss with their legal advisers the manner of transferring or pledging their book-entry interests.

The Library and the Bond Registrar have no responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records or notices relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to that ownership.

The Library and the Bond Registrar cannot and do not give any assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or others will distribute to the Beneficial Owners payments of debt charges on the Bonds made to DTC as the registered owner, or redemption, if any, or other notices, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC, Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will serve or act in a manner described in this Official Statement.

For all purposes under the Bond proceedings (except the Continuing Disclosure Agreement under which others as well as DTC may be considered an owner or holder of the Bonds, see **Continuing Disclosure Agreement**), DTC will be and will be considered by the Library and the Bond Registrar to be the owner or holder of the Bonds.

Beneficial Owners will not receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of Bonds, and, except to the extent they may have rights as Beneficial Owners or holders under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, will not be or be considered by the Library and the Bond Registrar to be, and will not have any rights as, owners or holders of Bonds under the Bond proceedings.

Reference herein to "DTC" includes when applicable any successor securities depository and the nominee of the depository.

Revision of Book-Entry System; Replacement Bonds

The Bond proceedings provide for issuance of fully-registered Bonds (Replacement Bonds) directly to owners of Bonds other than DTC only in the event that DTC (or a successor securities depository) determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds. Upon occurrence of this event, the Library may in its discretion attempt to have established a securities depository book-entry relationship with another securities depository. If the Library does not do so, or is unable to do so, and after the Bond Registrar has made provision for notification of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds by appropriate notice to DTC, the Library and the Bond Registrar will authenticate and deliver Replacement Bonds of any one maturity, in authorized denominations, to or at the direction of any persons requesting such issuance, and, if the event is not the result of Library action or inaction, at the expense (including legal and other costs) of those requesting.

Debt charges on Replacement Bonds will be payable when due without deduction for the services of the Bond Registrar as paying agent. Principal of and any premium on Replacement Bonds will be payable when due to the registered owner upon presentation and surrender at the designated corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar. Interest on Replacement Bonds will be payable on the interest payment date by the Bond Registrar by transmittal to the registered owner of record on the Register as of the 15th day preceding the interest payment date. Replacement Bonds will be exchangeable for other Replacement Bonds of authorized denominations, and transferable, at the designated corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar without charge (except taxes or governmental fees). Exchange or transfer of then-redeemable Replacement Bonds is not required to be made:

(i) between the 15th day preceding the mailing of notice of redemption of Replacement Bonds and the date of that mailing, or (ii) of a particular Replacement Bonds selected for redemption (in whole or part).

APPENDIX F

Proposed Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement

§ _____
Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio
Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

THIS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT, dated as of _____, 2026 (the Agreement), is made, signed and delivered by **AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, OHIO**, a county library district and political subdivision duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio (the Library), for the benefit of the Holders and Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) from time to time of the Library's \$ _____ Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio, Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026, comprised of \$ _____ Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio, Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (Tax-Exempt) (the Series 2026A Bonds), and \$ _____ Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio, Library Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable) (the Series 2026B Bonds, and, together with the Series 2026A Bonds, the Bonds), authorized by (i) Resolution No. 2026-102, adopted by the County Council of the County of Summit, Ohio (the County), as the taxing and bond-issuing authority for the Library, on April 27, 2026, authorizing issuance of the Bonds (the County Bond Resolution), and (ii) Resolution No. 26-26-47, adopted by the Board of Library Trustees of the Library on March 26, 2026 (the Library Bond Resolution).

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The Library, by adoption of the Library Bond Resolution, and the County, by adoption of the County Bond Resolution, have determined to issue the Bonds to provide funds for Library purposes, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the Participating Underwriter), has agreed to provide those funds to the Library by purchasing the Bonds. As a condition to the purchase of the Bonds from the Library and the sale of Bonds to Holders and Beneficial Owners, the Participating Underwriter is required to reasonably determine that the Library has undertaken, in a written agreement for the benefit of Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, to provide certain information in accordance with the Rule (as defined herein).

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the County Bond Resolution and the Library Bond Resolution, the Library covenants and agrees as set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

Section 1. Purpose of Continuing Disclosure Agreement. This Agreement is being entered into, signed and delivered for the benefit of the Holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter of the Bonds in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as may be amended from time to time (the Rule).

Section 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth above, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings in this Agreement, unless the context clearly otherwise requires. Reference to "Sections" shall mean sections of this Agreement.

"Annual Filing" means any Annual Information Filing provided by the Library pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4.

“Audited Financial Statements” means the audited financial statements of the Library, utilizing the accounting principles described in the Official Statement, except as may be modified from time to time and described in such financial statements.

“Beneficial Owner” means any person that (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“EMMA” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the MSRB; information regarding submissions to EMMA is available at <http://emma.msrb.org>.

“Filing Date” means the last day of the ninth month following the end of each Fiscal Year (or the next succeeding business day if that day is not a business day), beginning September 30, 2026 (as to the financial information and operating data described in Section 4(a) hereof, starting with such financial information and operating data for Fiscal Year 2026), and, as to the Audited Financial Statements, starting with the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, when and if available.

“Financial Obligation” means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation or (iii) guarantee of an obligation or instrument described in either clause (i) or (ii). Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Fiscal Year” means the 12-month period beginning on January 1 of each year or such other 12-month period as the Library shall adopt as its fiscal year.

“Holder” means, with respect to the Bonds, the person in whose name a Bond is registered in accordance with the County Bond Resolution.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Obligated Person” means, any person, including the issuer of municipal securities (such as the Bonds), who is generally committed by contract or other arrangement to support payment of all or part of the obligations on the municipal securities being sold in an offering document (such as the Official Statement); the Library is the only Obligated Person for the Bonds.

“Official Statement” means the Official Statement for the Bonds dated _____ 2026.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

“Specified Events” means any of the events with respect to the Bonds as set forth in Section 5(a).

“State” means the State of Ohio.

Section 3. Provision of Annual Information.

(a) The Library shall provide (or cause to be provided) not later than the Filing Date to the MSRB an Annual Filing, which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4. The Annual Filing shall be submitted in an electronic format and contain such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB, and may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4; provided that the Audited Financial Statements of the Library may be

submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Filing and later than the Filing Date if they are not available by that date (including the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 when released by the Auditor of State). If the Library's Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Specified Event under Section 5.

(b) If the Library is unable to provide to the MSRB an Annual Filing by the Filing Date, the Library shall, in a timely manner, send a notice to the MSRB in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 4. Content of Annual Filing. The Library's Annual Filing shall contain or include by reference the following:

(a) Financial information and operating data of the type included in the Official Statement under the captions: **Ad Valorem Property Taxes – Collections** and **– Delinquencies**, together with information as to aggregate assessed valuation of the Library and overlapping and Library tax rates; **Public Library Fund; Library Debt and Other Long-Term Obligations**, including **Debt Tables**, as applicable; and **Appendices A and B**.

(b) The Audited Financial Statements of the Library utilizing the accounting principles described in the Official Statement, except as may be modified from time to time and described in such financial statements.

The foregoing shall not obligate the Library to prepare or update projections of any financial information or operating data.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Library or related public entities, which have been submitted to the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Library shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

Section 5. Reporting Specified Events.

(a) The Library shall provide (or cause to be provided) to the MSRB, in an electronic format and containing such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB and in a timely manner but not later than ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, as specified by the Rule:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (a)
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (a)
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (a)
- (6) (Issuance of) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security (*i.e.*, the Bonds), or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (b)
- (7) Modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (c)
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (d)
- (11) Rating changes;

- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Obligated Person; Note: For the purposes of the event identified in this subparagraph, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an Obligated Person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Obligated Person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governmental body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Obligated Person.
- (13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an Obligated Person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Obligated Person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Obligated Person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Note:

- (a) *The Library has not obtained or provided, and does not expect to obtain or provide, any debt service reserves, credit enhancements or credit or liquidity providers for the Bonds.*
- (b) *Interest on the Series 2026B Bonds is not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.*
- (c) *Any scheduled redemption of Bonds pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements does not constitute a specified event within the meaning of the Rule.*
- (d) *Repayment of the Bonds is not secured by a lien on any property capable of release or sale or for which other property may be substituted.*

For the Specified Events described in Section 5(a) (2), (6, as applicable), (7), (8, as applicable), (10), (13), (14) and (15), the Library acknowledges that it must make a determination whether such Specified Event is material under applicable federal securities laws in order to determine whether a filing is required.

Section 6. Amendments. The Library reserves the right to amend this Agreement, and noncompliance with any provision of this Agreement may be waived, as may be necessary or appropriate to (a) achieve its compliance with any applicable federal securities law or rule, (b) cure any ambiguity, inconsistency or formal defect or omission and (c) address any change in circumstances arising from a change in legal requirements, change in law or change in the identity, nature or status of the Library or type of business conducted by the Library. Any such amendment or waiver shall not be effective unless the Agreement (as amended or taking into account such waiver) would have materially complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any applicable amendments to or official interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, and until the Library shall have received either (i) a written opinion of bond counsel or other qualified independent special counsel selected by the Library that the amendment or waiver would not materially impair the interests of Holders or Beneficial Owners, or (ii) the written consent to the amendment or waiver of the Holders of at least a majority of the principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding. An Annual Filing containing any revised operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for any such amendment or waiver and the impact of the change on the type of operating data or financial information being provided. If the

amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing Audited Financial Statements, (A) the Library shall provide notice of such change in the same manner as for a Specified Event under Section 5 and (B) the Annual Filing for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements or information as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 7. Additional Information. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Library from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or providing any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Filing or providing notice of the occurrence of an event, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the Library chooses to include any information in any document or notice of occurrence of an event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the Library shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Filing or notice of occurrence of a Specified Event.

Section 8. Remedy for Breach. This Agreement shall be solely for the benefit of the Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds. The exclusive remedy for any breach of the Agreement by the Library shall be limited, to the extent permitted by law, to a right of Holders and Beneficial Owners to institute and maintain, or to cause to be instituted and maintained, such proceedings as may be authorized at law or in equity to obtain the specific performance by the Library of its obligations under this Agreement in a court in the County of Summit, Ohio. Any such proceedings shall be instituted and maintained only in accordance with Section 133.25(B)(4)(b) or (C)(1) of the Revised Code (or any like or comparable successor provisions); provided that any Holder or Beneficial Owner may exercise individually any such right to require the Library to specifically perform its obligation to provide or cause to be provided a pertinent filing if such a filing is due and has not been made. Any Beneficial Owner seeking to require the Library to comply with this Agreement shall first provide at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Library of the Library's failure, giving reasonable detail of such failure, following which notice the Library shall have 30 days to comply. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed an event of default under the County Bond Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the Library to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance. No person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages under this Agreement.

Section 9. Appropriation. The performance by the Library of its obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds and their annual appropriation to meet costs that the Library would be required to incur to perform those obligations. The Library shall provide notice to the MSRB in the same manner as for a Specified Event under Section 5 of the failure to appropriate funds to meet costs to perform the obligations under this Agreement.

Section 10. Termination. The obligations of the Library under the Agreement shall remain in effect only for such period that the Bonds are outstanding in accordance with their terms and the Library remains an Obligated Person with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule. The obligation of the Library to provide the information and notices of the events described above shall terminate, if and when the Library no longer remains such an Obligated Person. If any person, other than the Library, becomes an Obligated Person relating to the Bonds, the Library shall use its best efforts to require such Obligated Person to comply with all provisions of the Rule applicable to such Obligated Person.

Section 11. Dissemination Agent. The Library may, from time to time, appoint or engage a dissemination agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such agent, with or without appointing a successor dissemination agent.

Section 12. Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Library, any dissemination agent, the Participating Underwriter and Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 13. Recordkeeping. The Library shall maintain records of all Annual Filings and notices of Specified Events and other events, including the content of such disclosure, the names of the entities with whom such disclosures were filed and the date of filing such disclosure.

Section 14. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Library has caused this Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be duly signed and delivered to the Participating Underwriter, as part of the Bond proceedings and in connection with the original delivery of the Bonds to the Participating Underwriter, on its behalf by its officials signing below, all as of the date set forth above, and the Holders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, shall be deemed to have accepted this Agreement made in accordance with the Rule.

**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY,
OHIO**

By: Exhibit – Not for Signature
President, Board of Library Trustees

By: Exhibit – Not for Signature
Executive Director

**CERTIFICATE OF FISCAL OFFICER –
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

As fiscal officer of Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio, I certify that the money required to meet the obligations of the Library under the Agreement made by the Library in accordance with the Rule, as set forth in the Library Bond Resolution, the County Bond Resolution and the attached Continuing Disclosure Agreement, during Fiscal Year 2026, has been lawfully appropriated by the Library for those purposes and is in the Library treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances. This Certificate is given in compliance with Section 5705.41 of the Revised Code.

Dated: _____, 2026

Exhibit – Not for Signature

Fiscal Officer

Akron-Summit County Public Library, Ohio