

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Board of Directors
Opelousas-Eunice Public Library
Opelousas, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Opelousas - Eunice Public Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Opelousas – Eunice Public Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Opelousas – Eunice Public Library and meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

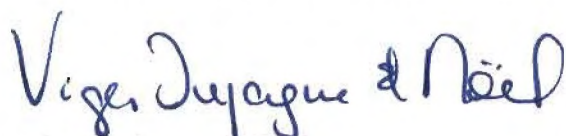
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed such required supplementary information, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. The Management's Discussion and Analysis, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Other Supplementary Information

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and other supplementary information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and other supplementary information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but it has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed this information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and other supplementary information.

In accordance with the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and the provisions of State law, we have issued a report, dated July 29, 2024, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



Vige, Tujague & Noël
Eunice, Louisiana
July 29, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 15,183	\$ 60,630	\$ 75,813
Investment	-	-	-
Prepays	-	-	-
Accounts receivable	-	-	-
Capital assets (net)	51,964	-	51,964
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>67,147</u>	<u>60,630</u>	<u>127,777</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	43,391	-	43,391
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	7,245	-	7,245
Accrued liabilities	12,568	-	12,568
<u>Total current liabilities</u>	<u>19,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,813</u>
<u>Noncurrent liabilities</u>			
Compensated absences payable	22,405	-	22,405
Net pension liability	235,677	-	235,677
<u>Total noncurrent liabilities</u>	<u>258,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,082</u>
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>277,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277,895</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	15,208	-	15,208
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	51,964	-	51,964
Unrestricted	(234,529)	60,630	(173,899)
<u>Total net position</u>	<u>\$ (182,565)</u>	<u>\$ 60,630</u>	<u>\$ (121,935)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

					Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets
		Program Revenues			
		Fees, Fines, & Charges for Services	Capital Grants and Contributions	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Activities	Expenses				Governmental Activities
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Governmental Activities					
General governmental library services	\$ 257,839	\$ 14,635	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (243,204)
Total governmental activities	\$ 257,839	\$ 14,635	\$ -	\$ -	(243,204)

General Revenues

Intergovernmental revenues	233,208
Interest and investment earnings	1,627
Donations of fixed assets	1,791
Nonemployer pension contributions	4,851
Miscellaneous income	19,924
<u>Total general revenues</u>	<u>261,401</u>

Change in net position 18,197

Net position - December 31, 2022 (140,132)

Net position - December 31, 2023 \$ (121,935)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 15,183	\$ 60,630	\$ 75,813
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>\$ 15,183</u>	<u>\$ 60,630</u>	<u>\$ 75,813</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 7,245	\$ -	\$ 7,245
Accrued liabilities	12,568	-	12,568
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>19,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,813</u>
 <u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Unassigned	(4,630)	-	(4,630)
Assigned	-	60,630	60,630
<u>Total fund balances</u>	<u>(4,630)</u>	<u>60,630</u>	<u>56,000</u>
 <u>Total liabilities and fund balances</u>	 <u>\$ 15,183</u>	 <u>\$ 60,630</u>	 <u>\$ 75,813</u>

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OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total fund balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2023	\$	56,000
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2023	\$	935,613
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2023	<u>(883,649)</u>	51,964
Compensated absences for the year ended December 31, 2023		(22,405)
Amounts related to pension recognition are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		<u>(207,494)</u>
Net position at December 31, 2023		<u>\$ (121,935)</u>

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OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Intergovernmental			
City of Opelousas	\$ 233,208	\$ -	\$ 233,208
Interest earned	1,621	6	1,627
Miscellaneous			
Donations of fixed assets	1,791	-	1,791
Library fines, fees	-	14,635	14,635
Miscellaneous income	19,924	-	19,924
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>256,544</u>	<u>14,641</u>	<u>271,185</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current			
Executive and administrative	262,224	-	262,224
Capital outlay			
Books	18,165	-	18,165
Furniture and equipment	2,800	-	2,800
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>283,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,189</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES</u> <u>OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	(26,645)	14,641	(12,004)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Operating transfers in	24,635	-	24,635
Operating transfers out	-	(24,635)	(24,635)
<u>Total other financing sources (uses)</u>	<u>24,635</u>	<u>(24,635)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</u>	(2,010)	(9,994)	(12,004)
<u>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</u>	<u>(2,620)</u>	<u>70,624</u>	<u>68,004</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES, end of year</u>	<u>\$ (4,630)</u>	<u>\$ 60,630</u>	<u>\$ 56,000</u>

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OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ (12,004)
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$20,965	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2023	<u>(16,789)</u>	4,176
Compensated absences for the year ended December 31, 2023		(265)
Net effect of pension liability recognition		<u>26,290</u>
Total changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2023 per Statement of Activities		<u>\$ 18,197</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Opelousas-Eunice Public Library was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:514. The Library is governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of seven members. The members of the Board serve without pay.

The accompanying financial statements of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Library consist only of the funds of the Library. The Library has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the Library.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government –Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library, as a whole. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Library's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods and services offered

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

by the programs, and (b) requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The Opelousas-Eunice Public Library uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Library. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus.

In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus or the “economic resources” measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. The fund financial statements utilize a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

- b. The government-wide financial statements utilize an “economic resources” measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statements of activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from the program itself or from parties outside the Library’s taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Library’s revenues. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Library’s policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased. The costs of governmental fund-type inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased and items on hand at year-end, if any, are not recorded as assets, unless material. Expenditures for insurance and similar services which extend

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

over more than one accounting period are accounted for as expenditures of the period of acquisition.

D. Budgets

The Library follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements.

1. At least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Librarian submits to the Board of Directors an operating and capital budget for the succeeding year.
2. A public meeting is scheduled by the Board of Directors after allowing for at least ten (10) days notice to the public is initially submitted to the board of Directors.
3. The budget must be finally adopted by the Board no later than the last day of the preceding fiscal year.
4. The Librarian and the Board may authorize transfers of the budgetary amounts within departments and revisions requiring alteration of levels of expenditures or transfers between departments.
5. Operating appropriations, to the extent not expended, lapse at year-end. Capital appropriations continue in force until the project is completed or deemed abandoned.
6. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and are amended as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1303.

All budget appropriations lapse at year-end. Revenues may not legally fall short of budgeted amounts by more than five percent and expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations by more than five percent at the individual fund level.

E. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not used by the Library.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include those investments purchased with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Library may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Library may invest in Certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledge fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activity column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost or estimated historical cost. The amounts of estimated costs are immaterial to these financial statements. Donated fixed assets are stated at their fair market value on the date donated.

The Library maintained a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets prior to 2004. Thereafter, the Library maintains a threshold level of \$500 for capitalizing machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, and paintings and stuffed wildlife. All books purchased are capitalized. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

Books	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 7 years
Paintings and stuffed wildlife	5 years

The Library has no public domain or infrastructure outlays.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Compensated Absences

The Library has the following policy regarding vacation and sick leave. Annual vacation leave is earned on a monthly basis and no leave is granted until the employee has been working one year. Annual leave may only be taken after it has been earned (accumulated). An employee may be allowed to carry over an amount up to one-half of their annual leave earned as of their anniversary date into the next vacation year, with the understanding that it will be forfeited with no future payment for hours lost if not used in that vacation year. No annual leave is earned while an employee is on leave of absence without pay. Actual paid hours determine actual entitlements.

All annual leave earned, including amounts carried over, will be applied to absences due to illness when any available paid sick leave has been depleted. Annual leave of three days or more shall be approved by the administrative librarian at least five days in advance. Employees may accumulate up to 224 hours of sick leave. No compensation is allowed for unused sick leave when employees terminate their employment. Also, when employees are scheduled to be off during a paid holiday, the employees accrue holiday time and can carry over the full amount indefinitely. Upon termination or retirement, employees are compensated for the accrued holiday time.

I. Retirement

Part-time employees of the Library contribute to the Social Security Retirement System. Full-time employees do not contribute to the Social Security Retirement System, but do contribute to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

J. Inventory

The Library practices the policy of recording materials and supplies as expenditures when acquired. The Library does not record any of these items as inventory because the amount of the items in stock is insignificant.

K. Prepaid Items

Payments made for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Long-Term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. There is currently no long-term debt owed by the Library.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures.

M. Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consist of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Restricted fund balance. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the library board members – the government’s highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the library board removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment.

This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance. This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the library’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The library board members have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Library considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Library considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Library has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

N. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and

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the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

O. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

P. Fund Deficit

As a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, the unrestricted net position resulted in a deficit of \$173,899. Net position was significantly affected by the recognition of the deferred outflow and inflow of resources and the net pension liability. The Board is studying ways to increase revenues and decrease expenses to correct this deficit.

NOTE 2 CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

The cash and cash equivalents of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Library will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Library that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Library's name.

Bank account balances at December 31, 2023, totaled \$82,457, which was fully secured by \$250,000 of FDIC Insurance.

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NOTE 3. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION

The Board of Commissioners is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation has been paid to any member. However, board members are reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel expenses incurred in accordance with the regular personnel policy

NOTE 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, for the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library are as follows:

	Balance	Additions		Retirements	Balance
	12/31/2022	Purchases	Donations	Sales and Discards	12/31/2023
Governmental Activities					
Equipment	\$ 8,617	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,417
Furniture and fixtures	52,198	-	-	-	52,198
Books	832,328	16,374	1,791	-	850,493
Improvements	21,505	-	-	-	21,505
<u>Totals at historical cost</u>	<u>914,648</u>	<u>19,174</u>	<u>1,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>935,613</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Equipment	26,453	93	-	-	26,546
Furniture and fixtures	30,724	600	-	-	31,324
Books	788,178	16,096	-	-	804,274
Improvements	21,505	-	-	-	21,505
<u>Total at accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>866,860</u>	<u>16,789</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>883,649</u>
Governmental Activities					
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 47,788</u>	<u>\$ 2,385</u>	<u>\$ 1,791</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 51,964</u>

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NOTE 5. EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Following is a detail schedule of executive and administrative expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Salaries	\$ 121,159	\$ -
Payroll taxes and pension contributions	41,631	-
Legal and Professional	4,368	-
Maintenance and repairs - equipment	9,965	-
Insurance	4,661	-
Miscellaneous	167	-
Rentals	1,042	-
Office Supplies	21,343	-
Communications	20,526	-
Travel	313	-
Automation Software	3,977	-
Utilities	33,072	-
	<u>\$ 262,224</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 6. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The library is economically dependent upon funding from the city of Opelousas, Louisiana, including providing a building and building expenses.

NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Substantially all Library employees (8) are members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

trustees. The MERS is composed of two distinct plans. Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All members participate in Plan A.

A. Eligibility Requirements

Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with the exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

Any person eligible for membership but whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the System occurred on or after January 1, 2013 shall become a member of the MERS Plan A Tier 2 of the System as a condition of employment.

B. Retirement Benefits

Benefit provisions are authorized with Act 356 of the 1954 regular session and amended by LRS 11:1756-11:1785. The following brief description of the plan and its benefits is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Any member of Plan A who commenced participation in the System prior to January 1, 2013 can retire providing he meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Any age with five (5) years of creditable service eligible for disability benefits.
4. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final average compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months, or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. See Plan Booklet for further details.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

Any member of Plan A Tier 2 can retire providing he meets one of the following requirements.

1. Age 67 with seven years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty years of creditable service.
4. Any age with twenty five years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual sick leave, with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of retirement allowance for any member of Plan A Tier 2 shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final average compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months, or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts. See Plan booklet for further details.

C. Survivor Benefits

Upon death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children as outlined in the statutes.

Any member of Plan A who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

D. DROP Benefits

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of Plan A who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during the participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

E. Disability Benefits

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of forty-five percent of his final average compensation or three percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, whichever is greater, or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

F. Cost of Living Increases

The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. State law allows the System to grant additional cost of living increases to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

G. Deferred Benefits

Plan A provides for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits become payable. Benefits are based on statutes in effect at the time of withdrawal.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for all members are established by statute. Member contributions are at 10.00% of earnable compensation for Plan A. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating municipality.

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the employer contribution rate was 29.50% of member's earnings for Plan A for the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 and 29.50% for the period beginning July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

According to state statute, the System also receives one-fourth (1/4) of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes except for Orleans. Tax monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to salaries of plan participants. Tax monies received from East Baton Rouge Parish are apportioned between the Municipal Employee's Retirement System and the Employee's Retirement System of the City of Baton Rouge. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and considered support from non-employer contributing entities. This amount totaled \$4,851.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

Administrative costs of the System are financed through employer contributions.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, 7937 Office Park Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 925-4810.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2023, the Library reported a liability of \$235,677 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the MERS plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Library's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Library's long-term share of contributions to the MERS pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Library's proportion was 0.064483%, which was a decrease of 0.004053% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Library recognized net pension expense of \$12,102.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

At December 31, 2023, the Library reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 158	\$ (2,156)
Changes in assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	27,080	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	(13,052)
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	16,153	-
Total	<u>\$ 43,391</u>	<u>\$ (15,208)</u>

The Library reported a total of \$43,391 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2023, which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2023.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as an increase (decrease) in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31:</u>	<u>MERS</u>
2024	\$ (2,715)
2025	(3,175)
2026	19,647
2027	(1,724)
Total	<u>\$ 12,033</u>

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

The components of the net pension liability of the System's employers as of June 30, 2022 and 2023 are as follows:

	2022 PLAN A	2023 PLAN A
Total Pension Liability	\$ 885,808	\$ 855,751
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	(601,162)	(620,074)
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 284,646</u>	<u>\$ 235,677</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	67.87%	72.46%

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Valuation date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal cost
Expected remaining service lives	3 years-Plan A and 4 years-Plan B
Investment rate of return	6.850%
Inflation rate	2.500%
Salary increases, including inflation and merit increases	4.5% - 6.4%
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Employee mortality	PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Disabled lives mortality	PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.50% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Public equity	56%	2.44%
Public fixed income	29%	1.26%
Alternatives	15%	0.65%
Totals	100%	4.35%
Inflation		2.50%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		6.85%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85% for the years ended June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7. PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS (continued)

The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current and future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes of economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earnings on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period. The Expected Remaining Service Lives (ERSL) for 2019 is 3 years for Plan A.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the Library's proportionate share of the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate used by each of the Retirement Systems:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
MERS			
Rates	5.85%	6.85%	7.85%
COWM Share-NPL	\$ 326,756	\$ 235,677	\$ 158,759

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NOTE 8. EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library has evaluated subsequent events through July 29, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

The Library has a pending liability to the IRS for civil penalties resulting from W-2 Forms that were not filed for the tax period December 31, 2011. The Library issued W-2's to employees but the IRS has no record of receiving their copy. The amount due at December 31, 2023 is \$31,270.13.

NOTE 9. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following Statements which will become effective in futures years as shown below:

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences – This Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Intergovernmental				
City of Opelousas	\$ 233,200	\$ 233,200	\$ 233,208	\$ 8
Interest	1,000	1,619	1,621	2
Donations of fixed assets	-	-	1,791	1,791
Miscellaneous	450	7,387	19,924	12,537
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>234,650</u>	<u>242,206</u>	<u>256,544</u>	<u>14,338</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Executive and administrative	241,370	242,474	262,224	(19,750)
Capital outlay				
Books	9,300	14,104	18,165	(4,061)
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>250,670</u>	<u>256,578</u>	<u>283,189</u>	<u>(26,611)</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>(16,020)</u>	<u>(14,372)</u>	<u>(26,645)</u>	<u>(12,273)</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	24,635	24,635
<u>Total other financing sources (uses)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,635</u>	<u>24,635</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ (16,020)</u>	<u>\$ (14,372)</u>	<u>(2,010)</u>	<u>\$ 12,362</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</u>			<u>(2,620)</u>	
<u>FUND BALANCES, end of year</u>			<u>\$ (4,630)</u>	

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Fines and fees	\$ 16,020	\$ 14,772	\$ 14,635	\$ (137)
Interest	-	-	6	6
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>16,020</u>	<u>14,772</u>	<u>14,641</u>	<u>(131)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Executive and administrative	-	-	-	-
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	16,020	14,772	14,641	(131)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Operating transfers out	-	-	(24,635)	24,635
<u>Total other financing sources (uses)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,635)</u>	<u>24,635</u>
<u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>\$ 16,020</u>	<u>\$ 14,772</u>	(9,994)	<u>\$ 24,504</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> , beginning of year			<u>70,624</u>	
<u>FUND BALANCES</u> , end of year			<u>\$ 60,630</u>	

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Fiscal Year	Employer Proportionate of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Covered Payroll	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of It's Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
MERS	2014	0.119079%	\$ 282,381	\$ 184,853	152.76%	73.99%
MERS	2015	0.106555%	380,631	183,772	207.12%	76.94%
MERS	2016	0.117281%	480,700	212,217	226.51%	62.11%
MERS	2017	0.116789%	488,578	212,945	229.44%	62.49%
MERS	2018	0.110084%	452,822	201,870	224.31%	63.94%
MERS	2019	0.098905%	413,291	186,192	221.97%	64.68%
MERS	2020	0.079824%	345,112	154,147	223.88%	64.52%
MERS	2021	0.071778%	199,651	143,874	138.76%	77.82%
MERS	2022	0.068536%	284,646	138,210	205.95%	67.87%
MERS	2023	0.064483%	235,677	129,922	181.40%	72.46%

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percent of Covered Payroll
MERS	2014	\$ 33,618	\$ 33,618	\$ -	\$ 193,608	17.36%
MERS	2015	40,215	40,215	-	203,623	19.75%
MERS	2016	43,689	43,689	-	204,026	21.41%
MERS	2017	48,840	48,840	-	205,952	23.71%
MERS	2018	47,203	47,203	-	186,096	25.36%
MERS	2019	45,038	45,038	-	168,070	26.80%
MERS	2020	43,392	43,392	-	152,197	28.51%
MERS	2021	39,192	39,192	-	132,856	29.50%
MERS	2022	38,728	38,728	-	131,283	29.50%
MERS	2023	33,541	33,541	-	113,700	29.50%

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(1) Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(2) Budgetary Practices

The Library prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with LSA – RS 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

(3) Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations. The following individual fund had actual expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Excess
General Fund	<u>\$ 250,670</u>	<u>\$ 256,578</u>	<u>\$ 283,189</u>	<u>\$ (26,611)</u>

(3) Pension Plans

Changes of Assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plans. These assumptions included the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plans.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Personnel	\$ 166,700	\$ 163,459	\$ 162,790	\$ 669
Operating Services	67,950	65,554	73,801	(8,247)
Materials and Supplies	6,400	13,157	25,120	(11,963)
Travel/Training	120	104	313	(209)
Intergovernmental	200	200	200	-
Capital outlay	9,300	14,104	20,965	(6,861)
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 250,670</u>	<u>\$ 256,578</u>	<u>\$ 283,189</u>	<u>\$ (26,611)</u>

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Agency Head Name: Angela Zachary, System Coordinator
Service Period: 12 Months

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 24,960
Benefits - retirement	7,363
Reimbursements	<u>237</u>
Total	<u>\$ 32,560</u>

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners
Opelousas - Eunice Public Library
Evangeline, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Opelousas - Eunice Public Library and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, on the Library's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Library's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

We noted no expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000 or public works exceeding \$250,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 3 appeared on the list provided by management for agreed-upon Procedure 2.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

We obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

We traced the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book and noted no exceptions.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures, and noted that expenditures in the general fund are greater than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

(a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

The payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six disbursements indicated approval from the board.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

The Library posted agendas for meetings as required by the open meetings law.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

We scanned copies of all bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We scanned payroll disbursements and read the meeting minutes of the Library's board of directors for the fiscal year. We found no payments or approval for payments to employees that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Library's report was not submitted in a timely manner.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

No exceptions noted.

Prior-Year Comments


15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

Our prior year report, dated June 21, 2023, included one exception relating to budgeting, which is repeated in the current year.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Library's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or

conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Library's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vige, Tujague & Noël". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vige, Tujague & Noël
Eunice, Louisiana
July 29, 2024

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding 2023-001: Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Condition: The Library does not have an adequate segregation of accounting functions.

Criteria: Accounting functions should be performed by different individuals.

Causes: Due to the small number of accounting personnel, the Library did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Effect: Due to the cost-benefit analysis there was an improper segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Recommendation: Based on the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Response: It is not cost effective to achieve a complete segregation of functions within the accounting system. No corrective action is considered necessary.

Finding 2023-002: Material Financial Statement Adjustments

Condition: Misstatements in the financial statements were not prevented, nor detected and corrected by the Library's internal control resulting in proposed review adjustments material to the financial statements.

Criteria: Internal control is a process – effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel – designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Library's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the Library's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in financial statements.

Such internal controls allow management to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.

Cause: The condition results from the failure to design and implement or follow implemented policies and procedures which provide assurance that the financial statements are not misstated.

Effect: Material review adjustments were necessary to correct misstatements in the financial statements.

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Recommendation: We recommend the Library design and implement policies and procedures or follow implemented policies and procedures which provide assurance to the fair presentation of the financial statements.

Response: Management agrees with the recommendation and will design and implement policies and procedures, where it is cost effective, considering the Library's size and limited resources.

Finding 2023-003: Budget

Condition: Total expenditures in the General Fund exceed budgeted expenditures by greater than 5%.

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1310 states that the budget must be properly amended when total budgeted revenues exceed total actual revenues or total actual expenditures exceed total budgeted expenditures by 5% or more.

Cause: The budget was not properly amended to account for the changes in actual revenues and expenditures.

Effect: Total expenditures in the General Fund exceed budgeted expenditures by greater than 5%.

Recommendation: The Library should attempt to budget revenues and expenditures more accurately and amend the budget when changes occur.

Response: The Library will attempt to budget revenues and expenditures more accurately in the future.

Finding 2023-004: Late Review Submission

Condition: The review was not complete or submitted within six months of the close of the entities fiscal year end.

Criteria: The review report should be completed and submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office within six months of the close of the entities fiscal year end.

Cause: The entity was unable to provide the necessary information to the reviewer in a timely manner.

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Effect: The review was not completed and submitted to the Legislative Auditor by the June 30, 2023 deadline.

Recommendation: The Library should provide the necessary information to the reviewer in a timely manner to ensure that the review is complete and submitted by the required deadline.

Response: The Library will provide all necessary information to the reviewer in a timely manner to ensure that the review is complete and submitted by the required deadline.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Finding 2022-001: Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2023-001.

Finding 2022-002: Material Financial Statement Adjustments

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 2023-002.

Finding 2022-003: Budget

Status: This finding is repeated. See current year finding 2023-003.

OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Response to Finding 2023-001:

A complete segregation of duties is not feasible due to the cost-benefit of hiring additional personnel and the size of the Library.

Response to Finding 2023-002:

Management agrees with the recommendation and will design and implement policies and procedures, where it is cost effective, considering the Library's size and limited resources.

Response to Finding 2023-003:

The Library will attempt to budget revenues and expenditures more accurately in the future.

Response to Finding 2023-004:

The Library will provide all necessary information to the reviewer in a timely manner to ensure that the review is complete and submitted by the required deadline.


President

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

_____ (Date Transmitted)

Vige, Tuiague & Noel

P.O. Box 1006

Eunice, LA 70535

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2023 (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose

to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

<u>Angela M. Zecher</u>	Exec. Director	<u>5-9-2024</u>	Date
			Date
<u>Anna M. Gagnier</u>	President	<u>May 9, 2024</u>	Date