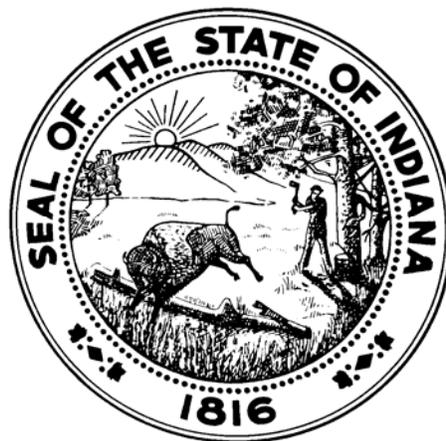


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of the Whiting Public Library (Library), for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005. The Library's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Library for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004, and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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June 12, 2006

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2004, And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-03	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-03
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 584,388	\$ 600,949	\$ 831,518	\$ 353,819
Gift	3,029	2,534	2,104	3,459
Library Improvement Reserve	104,824	51,751	-	156,575
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	156,861	156,861	-
Totals	<u>\$ 692,241</u>	<u>\$ 812,095</u>	<u>\$ 990,483</u>	<u>\$ 513,853</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 353,819	\$ 530,251	\$ 735,936	\$ 148,134
Gift	3,459	2,835	1,655	4,639
Library Improvement Reserve	156,575	987	116,000	41,562
Centennial Committee	-	633	207	426
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	153,357	153,357	-
Totals	<u>\$ 513,853</u>	<u>\$ 688,063</u>	<u>\$ 1,007,155</u>	<u>\$ 194,761</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 148,134	\$ 1,656,970	\$ 1,221,496	\$ 583,608
Gift	4,639	2,227	2,722	4,144
Library Improvement Reserve	41,562	411,402	244,000	208,964
Centennial Committee	426	16,080	4,586	11,920
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	166,331	166,331	-
Totals	<u>\$ 194,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,639,135</u>	<u>\$ 808,636</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Library was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Library provides the following services: culture and recreation and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Library in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 5. Reassessment

Property tax rates and levies were not established by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as of February 15, 2005, as required by statute, due to the continued delay in the completion of the reassessment of Lake County. The 2004 pay 2005 property tax bills were mailed out on October 31, 2005, with the first installment due November 18, 2005, and the second installment due February 10, 2006.

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES
(Continued)

Note 6. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Library to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 7. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Library contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Library authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on June 12, 2006, with Christina Young, Director, and on June 13, 2006, with Nancy A. Moore, Treasurer. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.