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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Director	Christina Young Rachael DeLuna	01-01-08 to 11-15-09 11-16-09 to 12-31-11
Treasurer	Nancy Moore	01-01-08 to 12-31-11
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the Whiting Public Library (Library), for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010. The Library's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. 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 financial information presented herein 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 financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the Library for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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January 27, 2011

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, 2008, 2009, And 2010

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 578,714	\$ 1,477,354	\$ 850,929	\$ 1,205,139
Gift	3,419	2,407	2,931	2,895
Library Contractual Services	213,868	103,088	50,000	266,956
Centennial Committee	5,565	-	-	5,565
State Technology Grant	1,050	1,800	1,050	1,800
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	186,871	186,871	-
Totals	<u>\$ 802,616</u>	<u>\$ 1,771,520</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,781</u>	<u>\$ 1,482,355</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 1,205,139	\$ 621,588	\$ 823,348	\$ 1,003,379
Excess Welfare	-	18,274	-	18,274
Gift	2,895	9,532	3,886	8,541
Library Contractual Services	266,956	36,686	-	303,642
Centennial Committee	5,565	-	5,565	-
State Technology Grant	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	180,790	180,790	-
Totals	<u>\$ 1,482,355</u>	<u>\$ 868,670</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,389</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,636</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 1,003,379	\$ 1,455,364	\$ 741,502	\$ 1,717,241
Excess Welfare	18,274	3,378	-	21,652
Gift	8,541	9,484	6,267	11,758
Library Contractual Services	303,642	26,382	19,801	310,223
Gift - Computers	-	5,000	3,838	1,162
Levy Excess	-	2,705	-	2,705
State Technology Grant	1,800	1,160	1,530	1,430
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	148,116	148,116	-
Totals	<u>\$ 1,335,636</u>	<u>\$ 1,651,589</u>	<u>\$ 921,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,066,171</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 or highway use taxes are received 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. 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.

WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Continued)

Note 6. 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.

Note 7. Subsequent Event

Reassessment and Property Taxes

Due to delays caused by trending of assessments, the assessed valuations of Lake County were not finalized by February 15, 2010, as required. Therefore, the 2009 pay 2010 property tax rates and levies, as well as related budget orders for 2010, were not established. The County issued a provisional billing due May 10, 2010, based upon the 2008 pay 2009 tax rates. The 2009 pay 2010 tax rates and levies were established as of September 2010. The County sent reconciliation tax bills due November 30, 2010. The County has not determined when the tax collections will be distributed.

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 27, 2011, with Nancy Moore, Treasurer; Nina Pierce, President of the Board of Trustees; Rachael DeLuna, Director; and Mary Kershner, Assistant Director. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.