

**KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Financial Statements Together with  
Report of Independent Public Accountants**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

# KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Financial Statements Together with Report of Independent Public Accounts

JUNE 30, 2023

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## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Kent County Public Library  
Chestertown, Maryland

### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Kent County Public Library (the Library), a component unit of Kent County, Maryland, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the major fund of the Library, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principals generally accepted in the Unites States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management's for the Financial Statements***

The Library's 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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Library's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently know information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

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

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the



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

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 23, 2023, on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to described the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Owings Mills, Maryland  
October 23, 2023

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

As management of the Kent County Public Library (the Library), we offer readers of the Library's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Library for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements that immediately follow this discussion.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Library exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2023 by \$481,150 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$258,953 represents unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the Library's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Library's total net position decreased by (\$33,898).
- As of the close of fiscal year 2023, the Library's governmental fund (general fund) reported combined ending fund balances of \$292,778, a decrease of (\$49,137) in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of fiscal year 2023, the unrestricted fund balance (the total of the *committed*, *assigned*, and *unassigned* components of *fund balance*) for the general fund was \$270,552, or approximately 24% of total general fund expenditures.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis provided here is intended to serve as an introduction to the Library's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of two primary financial statements: The Statement of Net Position concurrently presented with the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Activities concurrently presented with the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

#### Government-wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* include the *statement of net position* and the *statement of activities* and are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Library's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents financial information on all of the Library's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Library is improving or deteriorating.

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#### **Government-wide Financial Statements (continued)**

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Library's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e.: earned but unused vacation time).

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The *fund financial statements* include the *governmental balance sheet* and the *governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance* and are designed to focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing the Library's near-term financing requirements. The Library only maintains one governmental fund, the general fund.

The Library adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14-26 of this report.

#### **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *required supplementary information*. The general fund schedule of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – budget and actual are presented in this section.

Required supplementary information can be found on pages 28-30 of this report.

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#### Kent County Public Library's Net Position

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 399,928	\$ 430,387	\$ (30,459)
Capital assets, net	<u>387,401</u>	<u>399,055</u>	<u>(11,654)</u>
Total Assets	<u>787,329</u>	<u>829,442</u>	<u>(42,113)</u>
Current liabilities	<u>107,150</u>	88,472	18,678
Non-current liabilities	<u>199,029</u>	<u>225,922</u>	<u>(26,893)</u>
Liabilities	<u>306,179</u>	<u>314,394</u>	<u>(8,215)</u>
Net Position:			
Net invested in capital assets	<u>199,971</u>	173,133	26,838
Restricted	<u>22,226</u>	24,299	(2,073)
Unrestricted	<u>258,953</u>	<u>317,616</u>	<u>(58,663)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 481,150</u>	<u>\$ 515,048</u>	<u>\$ (33,898)</u>

#### Kent County Public Library's Changes in Net Position

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Revenues:			
County, State, and Local appropriations	\$ 909,501	\$ 916,251	\$ (6,750)
State and other grants	<u>139,686</u>	110,616	29,070
Fees	<u>4,950</u>	2,647	2,303
Restricted donations	<u>26,657</u>	47,811	(21,154)
Unrestricted donations	<u>9,565</u>	6,020	3,545
Miscellaneous revenue	<u>362</u>	1,513	(1,151)
Total Revenues	<u>1,090,721</u>	<u>1,084,858</u>	<u>5,863</u>
Expenses:			
Salaries and related costs	<u>813,732</u>	819,572	(5,840)
Operating expenditures	<u>212,563</u>	168,264	44,299
Capital outlay	-	74,228	(74,228)
Debt service	<u>14,555</u>	4,909	9,646
Depreciation and amortization	<u>83,769</u>	<u>90,791</u>	<u>(7,022)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,124,619</u>	<u>1,157,764</u>	<u>(33,145)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (33,898)</u>	<u>\$ (72,906)</u>	<u>\$ 39,008</u>

The Library's revenues increased by \$5,863. State and other grant funding increased while restricted donations experienced decreases. The Library's expenses decreased by \$33,145



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No capital outlays were purchased in 2023 causing a decrease of \$74,228 while operating expenditures, increased by \$44,299, primarily in utilities and equipment.

#### Budgetary Highlights

The Library's budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The Library's original budget of \$1,065,136 was amended to \$1,211,577. The most significant change was the addition of \$69,199 for the State on-behalf payment for retirements. In addition, there were increases of \$34,887 for equipment, \$25,740 for capital, \$19,999 for utilities and \$13,871 for library programming and a decrease of \$33,733 to health insurance.

#### Capital Assets

At the end of 2023, the Library had invested \$1,097,653 in a broad range of capital assets including equipment, books and media, and Library improvements. This year's major additions included Library and audio-visual materials of \$46,375 and \$25,740 for cubical meeting pods.

#### Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

**Quarter 1 (July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022):** During the first quarter of the fiscal year, the library faced the challenge of receiving flat funding from the Commissioners, which necessitated tapping into our reserve fund. However, we successfully secured \$21,000 in funding from the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funds to support the creation of study pods in North County and Chestertown. This strategic move allowed us to address immediate needs for improved library facilities and services.

**Quarter 2 (October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022):** In the second quarter, we focused on strengthening our internal processes. We established a comprehensive internal hiring process to ensure that our staff remains aligned with the library's mission and goals. Additionally, we finalized a performance evaluation process to assess and enhance staff performance. We also reviewed and updated job descriptions for all positions to ensure clarity and accuracy. Furthermore, we were awarded \$27,000 from the Kent County Library Foundation to revamp and rebrand the library's website, enhancing our digital presence and accessibility.

**Quarter 3 (January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023):** The third quarter saw significant developments within our staff. We promoted and rehired four staff members through the internal hiring process, demonstrating our commitment to staff development and growth. Additionally, we secured \$29,000 in funding from the Local Management Board to bolster our support for local teens and staff through technology initiatives. This investment aligns with our mission to provide valuable resources to our community.

**Quarter 4 (April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023):** In the final quarter of the fiscal year, we took a proactive approach to staff development by sending the entire staff to the MLA (Maryland Library Association) conference. This initiative allowed our team to stay current with industry trends and

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best practices. We also successfully completed 85% of the FY 23 action items, indicating our dedication to achieving our strategic objectives. Furthermore, we are pleased to report that the Commissioners have granted a 6% increase to the overall budget, specifically earmarked for staff salaries, recognizing the importance of retaining and attracting top talent.

**Looking Forward to Fiscal Year 2024:** As we look ahead to the next fiscal year, the library is committed to S.A.I.L into success, with a clear roadmap for action and improvement.

- **Spaces (S):** Specific allocations will be made to enhance our library spaces, with a strong focus on accessibility. We recognize the importance of creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our community. To achieve this, we plan to allocate funds for accessibility upgrades, including improved signage, seating, and assistive technologies to better serve patrons with diverse needs.
- **Advocacy (A):** We will continue our advocacy efforts to ensure that the library remains a cornerstone of our community. Advocacy initiatives will include outreach campaigns to raise awareness about the library's services and its crucial role in education, culture, and community development.
- **Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (I):** Our commitment to inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility will remain a top priority. We will invest in training and resources to foster a more inclusive library environment. We will also actively engage with underrepresented communities to ensure their voices are heard in shaping our programs and services.
- **Literacy (L):** Promoting literacy in all its forms will continue to be a fundamental aspect of our mission. We will expand our efforts to support early childhood literacy, adult literacy, and digital literacy. This includes an increased push for digital literacy through targeted outreach efforts, workshops, and technology training programs.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that the Rock Hall branch will be a central focus of our space enhancement efforts in the upcoming fiscal year. With a new two-year contract in place and the anticipation of moving to a municipal-owned building, we have allocated \$25,000 for modular improvements to the current space. These improvements will ensure a seamless transition to the new location and create an even more vibrant and functional library space for the Rock Hall community.

This investment will not only benefit the Rock Hall branch but will also contribute to our broader goal of offering top-tier library services throughout Kent County. We are dedicated to creating a library system that meets the evolving needs of our patrons.

In conclusion, as we navigate the challenges and opportunities of the upcoming fiscal year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving our community and providing the best possible library experience for all. With strategic investments in accessibility, the Rock Hall branch, and

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digital literacy, we are poised for a successful and impactful year ahead. We are excited to build upon the successes of this fiscal year and continue to be a vital resource for our patrons.

#### **Contacting the Library's Financial Management**

The Library's financial statements are designed to provide users with a general overview of the Library's finances and to demonstrate the Library's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact Arnessa Dowell, Executive Director, Kent County Public Library, 408 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

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## Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 278,783	\$ -	\$ 278,783
Receivables	98,919	-	98,919
Prepays	22,226	-	22,226
Capital assets, net net of accumulated depreciation			
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	-	23,360	23,360
Improvements	-	4,628	4,628
Right to Use Leased Asset	-	181,473	181,473
Library collections	-	177,940	177,940
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>399,928</u>	<u>387,401</u>	<u>787,329</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	70,398	-	70,398
Intergovernmental Payable	283	-	283
Due to Kent County	7,182	-	7,182
Unearned Revenue	29,287	-	29,287
Non-current liabilities			
Due within one year	-	20,119	20,119
Due in more than one year	-	178,910	178,910
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>107,150</u>	<u>199,029</u>	<u>306,179</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES / NET POSITION</b>			
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable - prepaids	22,226	(22,226)	-
Committed	176,833	(176,833)	-
Assigned	93,719	(93,719)	-
Unassigned	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>292,778</u>	<u>(292,778)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	-	199,971	199,971
Restricted	-	22,226	22,226
Unrestricted	-	258,953	258,953
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 481,150</u>	<u>\$ 481,150</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 399,928</u>		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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## Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance to the Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2023

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 292,778

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position  
are different because:

Capital assets and library collections used in governmental activities are  
not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Depreciable capital assets:

Machinery, equipment and vehicles 175,020

Improvements 33,614

Right-to-use leased buildings 239,757

Library collections 649,262

Total capital assets: 1,097,653

Less accumulated depreciation and amortization (710,252)

387,401

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in  
the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Leases (187,430)

Compensated absences (11,599)

(199,029)

Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 481,150

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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## Statement of Activities and Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Appropriations:			
State of Maryland	\$ 188,102	\$ -	\$ 188,102
Kent County	713,899	-	713,899
Municipalities	7,500	-	7,500
State and other grants	139,686	-	139,686
Fees	4,950	-	4,950
Donations:			
Restricted	26,657	-	26,657
Unrestricted	9,565	-	9,565
Miscellaneous revenue	362	-	362
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>1,090,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,090,721</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and related costs	819,180	(5,448)	813,732
Operating expenditures	212,563	-	212,563
Library materials	46,375	(46,375)	-
Capital Outlay	25,740	(25,740)	-
Debt Service	36,000	(21,445)	14,555
Depreciation and amortization	-	83,769	83,769
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,139,858</u>	<u>(15,239)</u>	<u>1,124,619</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Leases	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance/net position	(49,137)	15,239	(33,898)
Fund balance/net position, beginning of year	<u>341,915</u>	<u>173,133</u>	<u>515,048</u>
<b>Fund balance/net position, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 292,778</u>	<u>\$ 188,372</u>	<u>\$ 481,150</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance –  
Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (49,137)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays and the acquisition of library materials as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense or amortization expense.

Capital outlay and library collection	72,115	
Depreciation and amortization expense	<u>(83,769)</u>	
		<u>(11,654)</u>

The issuance of long-term debt (i.e., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:

Principal repayments - leases	<u>21,445</u>	
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

Accrued compensated absences	<u>5,448</u>	
		<u>26,893</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ (33,898)</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Reporting entity

Kent County Public Library (the “Library”) was formed in 1961 by state legislation as a state and local government agency. The Library is governed by a seven member board of trustees appointed by the Kent County Commissioners. Services provided include offering Library materials of various types for use by the general public.

#### B. Basis of presentation – government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities which present information about the Library as a whole. All of the activities of the Library are classified as governmental.

#### C. Basis of presentation – fund financial statements

The fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The Library has one fund and maintains all of its activity in that one general fund.

#### D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### D. Measurement focus and basis of accounting (continued)

The 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 Library considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Fees and donations are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Library.

#### E. Budgetary information

##### 1. Budgetary basis of accounting

An annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the Library's general fund. The Library's director may make transfers of appropriations within line items up to \$1,000 per month and the Library's treasurer may make transfers of appropriations within line items up to \$5,000 per month with the exception of personnel expenditures. Transfers of appropriations in excess of \$5,000 require the approval of the Library's board of trustees. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the fund level. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year even if they have related encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services (i.e., purchase orders, contracts, and commitments). Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### E. Budgetary information (continued)

##### 1. *Budgetary basis of accounting (continued)*

While all appropriations and encumbrances lapse at year end, valid outstanding encumbrances (those for which performance under the executory contract is expected in the next year) are re-appropriated and become part of the subsequent year's budget pursuant to state regulations.

#### F. Assets, liabilities, deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

##### 1. *Cash and cash equivalents*

The Library's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The Library follows Local Government §17-101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that deposits with financial institutions be fully collateralized. Full collateralization is necessary to minimize the risk of loss of a deposit in the event of the default of a financial institution. In addition, this section of the law requires that collateral be of the types specified in the State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 6-202 of the Code.

##### 2. *Prepaid items*

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

##### 3. *Capital assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities' column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Library as assets with an initial cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. The Library does not own the library building as other assets contributed to it from the County.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### F. Assets, liabilities, deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

##### 3. *Capital assets (continued)*

Depreciation/amortization on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following useful lives.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Lives</u>
Building and Improvements	7-39 years
Right-to-use leased buildings	2-10 years
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5 -7 years

##### 4. *Library collection*

The Library collection which includes books, periodicals and audio-visual materials are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. These assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. They are amortized over seven years. Fully amortized assets are removed from original cost and accumulated amortization after they have been carried for ten years.

##### 5. *Deferred outflows/inflows of resources*

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Library has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Library has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### F. Assets, liabilities, deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

##### *6. Net position flow assumption*

Sometimes the Library will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Library’s policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

##### *7. Fund balance flow assumptions*

Sometimes the Library will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Library’s policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

##### *8. Fund balance policies*

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes.

Nonspendable – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Library reported \$22,226 relating to prepaid expenditures in this category.

Restricted – Amounts that can only be spent for specific purposes because of enabling legislation, constitutional provisions or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors or contributors. The Library did not report any restricted fund balances.

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes are determined by formal action (adoption or amendment) by the Library Board of Trustees who are the highest level of decision making authority. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation. The Library reported \$176,833 of committed fund balance comprised of \$148,246 in Operating Reserves and \$28,587 for Health Care costs.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### F. Assets, liabilities, deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

##### 8. Fund balance policies (continued)

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Library for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Library Board of Trustees may assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment. The Library reported \$93,719 of assigned fund balance to be utilized for the FY2024 Budget.

Unassigned – Amounts that are not included in other fund balance classifications.

#### G. Revenues and expenditures/expenses

##### 1. Program revenues

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to Library patrons who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by the Library and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of the Library.

##### 2. Compensated absences

###### Vacation

The Library's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits, which are eligible for payment upon separation from service. The liability for such leave is reported as incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for those amounts is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured as a result of employee resignations or retirements.

The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable. The total liability for compensated absences as of June 30, 2023 was \$11,599.

###### Sick Leave

Accumulated sick leave lapses when employees leave the employ of the Library and, upon separation from service, no monetary obligation exist

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### II. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance - total governmental funds* and *net position - governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Reconciling items include the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Detail of these reconciling transactions can be found on page 11.

#### B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-Wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. Reconciling items include the following:

The governmental fund reports capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation/amortization expense.

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and donations) is to increase net position.

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Detail of these reconciling transactions can be found on page 13.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS

#### A. Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions and Investments

*Custodial credit risk-deposits.* In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Library's deposits may not be returned to it. None of the Library's deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk. The Library maintains two bank accounts at PNC Bank and one at People's Bank. As of June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the Library's deposits was \$278,783, the bank balance in the checking account was \$49,681, the bank balance in the money market account was \$31,241 and the bank balance in the savings account was \$218,874, all of which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### B. Receivables

The Library had the following receivables at June 30, 2023:

<u>Receivable From</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eastern Shore Regional Library Grant	\$ 37,103
State of Maryland - LSTA Grant	32,900
LMB	26,786
PNC Foundation	1,885
Maryland State Retirement Pension System	245
Total	<u>\$ 98,919</u>

The Library does not have any allowance for doubtful accounts related to the above receivables. The Library expects to receive all of the receivables listed above within one year.

#### C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning</u>			<u>Ending</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Computers & equipment	\$ 90,804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,804
Furniture & fixtures	58,476	25,740	-	84,216
Library improvements	33,614	-	-	33,614
Right-to-use leased buildings	230,966	8,791	-	239,757
Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization	202,027	36,903	-	238,930
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 211,833</u>	<u>\$ (2,372)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 209,461</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (continued)

#### D. Library Collection

Library collections and related accumulated amortization activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets	\$ 664,820	\$ 46,375	\$ (61,933)	\$ 649,262
Less: accumulated depreciation	477,598	55,657	(61,933)	471,322
Net Library Collection	<u>\$ 187,222</u>	<u>\$ (9,282)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 177,940</u>

#### E. Accrued liabilities

Accrued liabilities reported by the Library at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

<u>Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payroll	\$ 29,541
Unemployment Obligation	5,000
Total Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$ 34,541</u>

#### F. Pension obligation

*Plan Description.* All full-time personnel employed in a Library position participate in the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System of the State of Maryland. All other eligible permanent employees excluded above are enrolled in the Maryland State Employees' Retirement System or the Employees' Pension System.

These systems are part of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System (the State System) and are cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement systems. The State System provides pension, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

The retirement plans are administered by the State Retirement Agency (the Agency). Responsibility for the administration and operation of the State System is vested in a seven-member Board of Trustees. The State System was established by the State Personnel and Pensions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Agency issues a publicly available financial report that includes basic financial statements and required supplementary information for the State System. The report may be obtained by writing to the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland, 120 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or by calling 410-625-5555.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (continued)

#### F. Pension obligation (continued)

*Funding Policy.* The State Personnel and Pensions Article requires active members to contribute to the State System at a percentage of their covered salary depending upon the retirement option selected. The State funds substantially all the employer's annual contributions. The Library has no contingent liability for funding deficits in the system should such occur.

On-behalf payments made by the State of Maryland that represent contributions to a pension plan for which the employer government is not legally responsible were as follows:

<u>For the Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost</u>	<u>% of APC Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension Obligation</u>
2021	\$ 82,868	100%	\$ -
2022	77,642	100%	-
2023	69,199	100%	-

#### G. Risk management

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Library is covered under Kent County's commercial insurance, with the exception of unemployment insurance.

For property, general, excess and environmental liability coverage, the County is a member of the Maryland Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). This trust is a public entity risk pool, which is owned and directed by the local governments that subscribe to its coverage's and operates under the terms of a Trust Agreement.

The Library is fully insured for worker's compensation through the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund of Maryland. No insurance settlement has exceeded the coverage to date. The Library maintains a \$5,000 reserve against potential future unemployment claims.

#### H. Leases

The Library is lessee for noncancellable leases of office space. The Library recognizes lease liabilities and intangible right-to-use leases assets (leased assets) in the government-wide financial statements.

# KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (continued)

#### H. Leases (continued)

At the commencement of a lease, the Library initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The leased asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the leased asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the Library determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

The Library uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Library generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the Library is reasonably certain to exercise. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

The Library monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure the leased asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Leased assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (continued)

#### I. Long term liabilities

Changes in the government's long term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Balance			Balance	
	July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2023	Due Within One Year
Lease payable	\$ 208,875	\$ -	\$ (21,445)	\$ 187,430	\$ 20,119
Compensated absences	17,047	32,748	(38,196)	11,599	892
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 225,922</u>	<u>\$ 32,748</u>	<u>\$ (59,641)</u>	<u>\$ 199,029</u>	<u>\$ 21,011</u>

The assets acquired through leases are as follows:

Asset:

Right-to-use Leased Building	\$ 239,757
Less: Accumulated Amortization	<u>(58,284)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 181,473</u>

The future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 20,119	\$ 4,847	\$ 24,966
2025	19,242	4,711	23,953
2026	19,827	4,124	23,951
2027	20,914	3,514	24,428
2028	22,287	2,872	25,159
2029-2032	85,041	4,297	89,338
Total	<u>\$ 187,430</u>	<u>\$ 24,365</u>	<u>\$ 211,795</u>

#### J. Short term debt

During 2023, the Library continued their \$25,000 line of credit agreement with PNC Bank for operating needs. The agreement no longer has an expiration date. There has been no activity on the credit line during the year and the balance remains at \$0.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

### III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL ACTIVITIES AND FUNDS (continued)

#### K. Contingencies

The Library receives a substantial amount of its support from the local and state government. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Library's programs and activities.

The Library is the recipient of various State and other grants. The Library may be under obligation to repay these grant funds if upon final review by the respective granting agencies, the funds expended did not meet the established program objectives. Management is not aware of any repayment requests affecting these financial statements.

#### L. New Accounting Standard

The GASB has issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which will require adoption for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, if applicable. The Library will be analyzing the effect of this pronouncement and plans to adopt it, as applicable, by its effective date.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Supplemental Schedule of Revenues - Budget and Actual - General Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Appropriations:				
State of Maryland	\$ 118,903	\$ 188,102	\$ 188,102	\$ -
Kent County	713,899	713,899	713,899	-
Municipalities	2,500	2,500	7,500	5,000
State and other grants	91,900	139,686	139,686	-
Fees	7,000	7,000	4,950	(2,050)
Donations - restricted	10,000	26,656	26,657	1
Donations - unrestricted	5,500	5,500	9,565	4,065
Miscellaneous revenue	3,150	3,150	362	(2,788)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 952,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,493</u>	<u>\$ 1,090,721</u>	<u>\$ 4,228</u>

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## Schedule of Expenditures – Budget and Actual – General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Salaries and related costs				
Gross salaries	\$ 654,174	\$ 654,174	\$ 615,939	\$ 38,235
Payroll taxes	50,054	50,054	46,026	4,028
Health insurance	138,048	104,315	88,016	16,299
State on-behalf payments for retirements	-	69,199	69,199	-
Total salaries and related costs	<u>842,276</u>	<u>877,742</u>	<u>819,180</u>	<u>58,562</u>
Operating expenditures				
Accounting services	13,900	14,061	13,761	300
Copiers	11,500	8,866	8,866	-
Software maintenance	4,000	4,000	2,735	1,265
Library programing	13,500	27,371	27,372	(1)
Building repairs and security	7,900	7,900	4,872	3,028
Utilities	37,000	56,999	55,017	1,982
Telecommunications	10,000	10,932	10,932	-
Staff development and travel	20,900	21,149	21,036	113
Postage	2,000	2,000	1,856	144
Supplies	6,500	7,903	7,903	-
Equipment	5,000	39,887	39,887	-
Insurance	6,800	6,904	3,919	2,985
Miscellaneous	4,860	16,748	14,407	2,341
Total operating expenditures	<u>143,860</u>	<u>224,720</u>	<u>212,563</u>	<u>12,157</u>
Library materials				
Books	28,000	30,785	30,785	-
Periodicals	7,000	7,248	7,248	-
Audio/visual	8,000	8,342	8,342	-
Total library materials	<u>43,000</u>	<u>46,375</u>	<u>46,375</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital outlay	-	25,740	25,740	-
Debt service	36,000	37,000	36,000	1,000
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 1,065,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,211,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,139,858</u>	<u>\$ 71,719</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues	(112,284)	(125,084)	(49,137)	75,947
Fund balance - beginning	341,915	341,915	341,915	-
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 229,631</u>	<u>\$ 216,831</u>	<u>\$ 292,778</u>	<u>\$ 75,947</u>

# KENT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Library's Proportion of the MSRPS Net Pension Liability	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Library's Proportionate Share of the MSRPS Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the MSRPS Net Pension Liability Associated with the Library	\$ 680,673	\$ 564,192	\$ 868,219	\$ 809,296	\$ 837,601	\$ 831,890	\$ 913,685	\$ 727,167	\$ 561,647
Library's Covered-employee Payroll	\$ 569,492	\$ 564,794	\$ 429,593	\$ 500,917	\$ 513,688	\$ 479,076	\$ 478,353	\$ 467,832	\$ 446,250
Fund's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-employee Payroll	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	76.27%	81.84%	70.72%	72.34%	71.18%	69.38%	65.79%	68.78%	71.87%





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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
*GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Trustees of  
Kent County Public Library  
Chestertown, Maryland

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Kent County Public Library (the Library) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 2023.

***Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Library's internal controls over financial reporting (internal controls) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal controls. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal controls.

*A deficiency in internal controls* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal controls, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal controls that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal controls over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal controls that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



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### ***Report on Compliance and Other Matters***

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Owings Mills, Maryland  
October 23, 2023