Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Control Vermilion Parish Library Abbeville, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Vermilion Parish Library, (the Library) a component unit of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the Library, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit 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. 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 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, 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the RSI on pages 32-37 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. 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.

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. Such missing 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 financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 3, 2022 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 describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana May 3, 2022

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	¢ 100 010
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 493,949
Due from other governments Ad valorem taxes receivable	93,396 1,292,061
Prepaid expenses	39,128
Total current assets	1,918,534
	1,910,994
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable	323,000
Depreciable, net	3,438,408
Total capital assets	3,761,408
Other assets:	
Net pension asset	133,577
Total assets	5,813,519
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	137,747
OPEB related	200,803
Total deferred outflows of resouces	338,550
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts and other payables	14,234
Long-term liabilities:	
Compensated absences	10,222
OPEB	825,659
Total long-term liabilities	835,881
Total liabilities	850,115
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	200.066
Pension related OPEB related	288,066 77,435
Unearned revenue-ad valorem taxes	1,587,218
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,952,719
	1,752,717
NET POSITION	2 7/1 400
Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted	3,761,408
	<u>(412,173)</u>
Total net position	\$ 3,349,235

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

				Net (Expense) Revenues and
			gram Revenues	Changes in Net Position
		Charges for	Operating Grants	Governmental
Activities	Expenses	Services	and Contributions	Activities
Governmental activities:				
Culture and recreation	\$ 1,702,277	\$ 24,483	\$ 55,185	<u>\$(1,622,609)</u>
	General revenu	ies:		
	Taxes:			
	Property ta	xes, levied for gen	eral purposes	1,421,483
	State reven	ue sharing		141,217
	Interest and i	nvestment earning	gs	98
	Miscellaneou	15		8,585
	Gain on disp	osal of capital asse	ets	1,129
	Nonemploye	r pension contribu	tion	6,405
	Total g	eneral revenues		1,578,917
	Change	e in net position		(43,692)
	Net position - I	beginning		3,392,927
	Net position -	ending		\$ 3,349,235

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund December 31, 2021

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits Due from other governments Ad valorem taxes receivable Prepaid expenses	\$ 493,949 93,396 1,292,061 <u>39,128</u>
Total assets	\$ 1,918,534
LIABILITIES	
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Total liabilities DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 4,805 9,429 14,234
Unearned revenue	1,587,218
FUND BALANCE	
Fund balance: Nonspendable - prepaid expenses Unassigned Total fund balance	39,128 277,954 317,082
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance	\$ 1,918,534

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

Total fund balance for the governmental fund		\$ 317,082
Capital assets, net		3,761,408
Long-term liabilities:		
Compensated absences		(10,222)
Pension:		
Net pension asset	\$ 133,577	
Deferred inflows of resources	(288,066)	
Deferred outflows of resources	137,747	(16,742)
OBEB:		
Net OPEB liability	(825,659)	
Deferred inflows of resources	(77,435)	
Deferred outflows of resources	200,803	(702,291)
Net position of governmental activities		\$3,349,235

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General
	Fund
Decomposition	
Revenues:	¢ 1 401 400
Taxes - ad valorem	\$ 1,421,483
Intergovernmental	196,402
Miscellaneous	33,166
Total revenues	1,651,051
Expenditures:	
Culture and recreation	1,453,327
Capital outlay	101,185
Total expenditures	1,554,512
Excess of revenues over expenditures	96,539
Other financing sources:	
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,129
Net change in fund balance	97,668
Fund balances, beginning	219,414
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Fund balances, ending	\$ 317,082

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Net change in fund balance per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ 97,668
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Capital assets:		
Capital additions	\$ 69,316	
Depreciation expense	(232,412)	(163,096)
Change in compensated absences		(2,011)
The effect of recording net pension and OPEB liability/asset, and the related		
deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources:		
Change in pension expense	50,346	
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue recognized	6,405	
Change in OPEB expense	(33,004)	23,747
Change in net position per Statement of Activities		<u>\$ (43,692)</u>

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Polices</u>

The accompanying financial statements of the Vermilion Parish Library have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of these notes.

A. <u>Financial Reporting Entity</u>

The Vermilion Parish Library is a component unit of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and was created under Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The Library operates under a Board of Control. Although the Parish does not provide financing, it does exercise some control over operations by virtue of the fact that it appoints the Board of Control. The purpose of the Library is to provide library facilities to residents within its boundaries.

This report includes the funds, which are controlled by or dependent on the executive and legislative branches (the Board of Control). Control by or dependence on the Library was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibilities.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues.

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 and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients for goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

C. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Library are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The Library maintains one fund, which is categorized as a governmental fund. The major fund of the Library is described below:

Governmental Fund -

General Fund

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

D. 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, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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

- a. The governmental funds 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 and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. Their funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The government-wide financial statement utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery) and financial position. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the 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, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows 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. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Library.

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Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated acquisition cost at the date of donation. The Library maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an 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 asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	20-40 years
Furniture, vehicles and equipment	5-10 years
Library collections	5-6 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Compensated Absences

Each full time employee and part-time employee is eligible to earn vacation and sick leave. Employees earn four to twenty vacation days per year depending upon the number of years of service or annual hours worked. All eligible employees are allowed twelve sick days per year. Vacation leave can be accumulated up to the maximum amount earned in one year. Employees hired after January 1, 2007 who resign, retire or are dismissed from employment shall not be paid for any accrued sick leave.

In the government-wide statements, the Library accrues accumulated unpaid vacation leave and compensatory leave and associated related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used/paid in the following year. The remainder is reported as non-current. No compensated absences liability is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements. Compensated absences have typically been liquidated by the General Fund.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet 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.

Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets 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 borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be 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 amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Board of Control. The Board of Control is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Vermilion Parish Library.

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Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Amounts may be assigned by the Board of Control or Executive Director.

Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the 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.

F. <u>Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses</u>

Revenues

Federal and state entitlements (grants and state revenue sharing) are recorded when available and measurable. Expenditure-driven federal and state grants, which are restricted as to the purpose of the expenditures, are recorded when the reimbursable expenditures have been incurred. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Ad valorem taxes are assessed in November, by the Parish Assessor, based on the assessed value and become due November 15 of each year. The taxes become delinquent on January 1. An enforceable lien attaches to the property as of January 1. Tax revenues are recognized in the period for which levied, thus the property taxes which become due in November are levied to finance the subsequent year's budget and therefore are recognized as revenue in the subsequent year and are recorded as deferred revenue in the current year financial statements.

The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Vermilion Parish and are collected by the Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the Vermilion Parish Library net of deductions for Pension Fund Contributions.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by character and function. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character.

G. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires 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 the reported amounts of

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revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and other revenues are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate uncollectibility of the receivable. Although the specific charge - off method is not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), no allowance for uncollectible receivables was made due to immateriality.

I. <u>Pensions</u>

The net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

J. Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. In the governmental fund financial statements contributions are recognized as expenditures when due.

(2) <u>Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits</u>

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. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Library's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Library does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, 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 pledging financial institution. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the financial institution. These securities are held in the name of the pledging financial institution in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Deposit balances (bank balances) are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$ 537,715
Insured deposits Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank, not in the Library's name	250,000 287,715
Total	\$ 537,715

(3) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset balances and activity is as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 323,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,000
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	6,442,199	17,900	-	6,460,099
Furniture and equipment	233,921	-	-	233,921
Vehicles	210,328	-	-	210,328
Library collection	2,427,541	51,416	117,314	2,361,643
Total	9,636,989	69,316	117,314	9,588,991
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building	3,064,625	163,236	-	3,227,861
Furniture and equipment	224,555	3,851	-	228,406
Vehicles	210,328	-	-	210,328
Library collection	2,212,977	65,325	117,314	2,160,988
Total	5,712,485	232,412	117,314	5,827,583
Net capital assets	\$ 3,924,504	\$(163,096)	\$ -	\$ 3,761,408

Depreciation expense of \$232,412 was charged to the culture and recreation function.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(4) Accounts and Other Payables

The accounts and other payables consisted of the following:

Accounts	\$ 4,805
Accrued salaries and benefits	9,429
Total	<u>\$ 14,234</u>
Compensated Absences	
Changes in compensated absences were as follows:	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,211
Additions	45,399
Retirements	(43,388)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 10,222</u>

(6) <u>Pension Plan</u>

(5)

The employer pension schedules for the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Members' earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability/asset, deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan, and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Substantially all of the Library's employees are covered under the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. Details concerning the plan are:

Plan Description: The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the state of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish.

Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan". Plan A

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date. Employees of the Library are members of Plan A.

The Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a stand-alone report on their financial statements. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, <u>www.lla.la.gov</u>.

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to these appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Eligibility Requirements: All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate.

As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits: Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

- 1. Any age with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
- 2. Age 55 with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service.
- 3. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
- 4. Age 65 with a minimum of seven (7) years of creditable service.

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

- 1. Age 55 with 30 years of service.
- 2. Age 62 with 10 years of service.
- 3. Age 67 with 7 years of service.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits: Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is 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, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

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A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits, and married not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for the Retirement System. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) in which they are enrolled for 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.

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 roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in the Plan will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the board of trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of the System, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of this Plan must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or the System, and that any returns and other rights of the Plan are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits: For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and has at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, has seven years of creditable service, and 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 an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than fifteen, or three percent multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age sixty for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2017 and later.

Cost of Living Increases: The Board is authorized to provide a cost of living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. 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.

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In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age sixty-five equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (RS 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Employer Contributions: According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. During the measurement period, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 12.25% of member's compensation for Plan A; however, the actual rate was 7.5% for Plan A.

According to state statute, the System also receives ¼ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. The System also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. The Library recognized \$6,405 of non-employer contributions.

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

The Library reported an asset of \$133,577 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, which was reported in the governmental activities. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2020 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 and was based on a projection of the Library's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The Library's proportion was 0.08%, which was consistent with its proportion measured for the prior year. Pension expense was \$10,864.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences Between expected and actual experiences	\$ 32,521	\$ 15,943	
Changes of assumptions	43,702	-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	260,703	
Change in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	369	11,420	
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	61,155		
Total	\$ 137,747	\$ 288,066	

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Deferred outflows of resources of \$61,155 related to pensions resulting from the Library's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an adjustment to the Net Pension Liability in the following fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

Year	
Ended	
12/31/2022	\$ (60,108)
12/31/2023	(23,427)
12/31/2024	(85,351)
12/31/2025	(42,588)
Total	<u>\$(211,474)</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

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

Valuation Date	December 31, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method Plan A	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.40% (Net of investment expense, including inflation)
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Projected Salary Increases	4.75%
Cost of Living Adjustment	None

Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table	
	adjusted using MP2018 scale. For active and retired	
	individuals, amounts are multiplied by 130% for males and	
		125% for females. For disabled retirees amounts are
		multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females.

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40% for Plan A, which decreased .1% from the discount rate used as of the previous measurement date. The projection of cash

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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 and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution 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.

The investment rate of return was 6.40% for Plan A, which decreased .1% from the rate used as of the previous measurement date. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates 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 rates 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 2.00% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

		Long-Term Expected
	Target Asset	Portfolio Real Rate
Asset Class	Allocation	of Return
Fixed income	33%	0.86%
Equity	51%	3.36%
Alternatives	14%	0.67%
Real assets	<u>2%</u>	<u>0.11%</u>
Totals	<u>100%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
Inflation		<u>2.00%</u>
Expected Artihmetic Nominal Return		<u>7.00%</u>

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

Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate: The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers as of the measurement date calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability 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.

		Current	
	1.0% Decrease	Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
	5.40%	6.40%	7.40%
Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	\$ 280,072	\$ (133,577)	\$ (479,999)

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(7) <u>Post-Retirement Health Care Insurance Benefits</u>

Plan description – The Library provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Library's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Library. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Library. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting for Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit.

Benefits Provided – Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees are covered by the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; age 60 and 10 years of service; or, age 65 and 7 years of service. For employees hired on and after January 1, 2007. retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: age 55 and 30 years of service; age 62 and 10 years of service; or, age 67 and 7 years of service.

The following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	8
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	18
	26
Total OPEB Liability	

The Library's total OPEB liability of \$825,659 was measured as of December 31, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021.

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Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.0%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount Rate	2.12% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)
	2.06%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually until year 2030, then 4.5%
Mortality	SOA RP-2014 Table

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2021, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2021.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2020	\$810,099
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	10,758
Interest	17,288
Difference between expected and actual experience	(6,828)
Changes in assumptions	5,654
Benefit payments and net transfers	(11,312)
Net changes	15,560
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$825,659

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

		Current	
	1.0% Decrease Discount Rate		1.0% Increase
	(1.06%)	(2.06%)	(3.06%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 924,772	\$ 825,659	\$ 741,183

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Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare trend rates:

	Current		
	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Discount Rate (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 732,292	\$ 825,659	\$ 935,839

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

The Library recognized OPEB expense of \$51,469 and reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between expected and actual experience	\$ 70,009	\$ 48,212
Changes of assumptions	130,794	29,223
Total	\$ 200,803	\$ 77,435

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year		
Ended		
2022	\$	16,270
2023		16,270
2024		16,270
2025		16,270
2026		16,270
Thereafter	_	42,018
Total	<u>\$</u>	123,368

(8) <u>Board of Control</u>

The Vermilion Parish Library is governed by a non-commissioned, non-compensated board of control.

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(9) <u>Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Executive Director</u>

Compensation, benefits, and other payments paid to Charlotte Bourg, Executive Director are as follows:

Purpose	
Salary	
Benefits - insurance	
Benefits - retirement	
Benefits - other	
Reimbursements	
Conference travel	
Total	

(10) <u>Risk Management</u>

The Library is exposed to risks of loss in areas of general liability, property hazards and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. The Library has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(11) Litigation

There was no litigation pending against the Vermilion Parish Library at December 31, 2021.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Vermilion Parish Library Abbeville, Louisiana General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Bud	lget		Variance - Favorable
	Original	Final	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:	8			
Taxes - ad valorem	\$ 1,321,516	\$ 1,438,324	\$1,421,483	\$ (16,841)
Intergovernmental -	. , ,	. , ,		
State revenue sharing	141,466	140,311	141,217	906
State aid	47,065	47,065	47,065	-
Federal aid	6,200	5,820	8,120	2,300
Miscellaneous -	,			
Interest	100	95	98	3
Fines and fees	23,000	24,282	24,483	201
Other sources	8,000	9,050 8,585		(465)
Total revenues	1,547,347	1,664,947	1,651,051	(13,896)
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Culture and recreation:				
Salaries and wages	712,700	712,700	569,590	143,110
Payroll taxes	27,500	27,500	15,892	11,608
Retirement contributions	85,000	85,000	61,155	23,845
Ad valorem deduction	47,735	47,735	47,753	(18)
Group insurance	300,250	300,250	263,136	37,114
Utilities and telephone	111,750	127,750	116,922	10,828
Professional fees and services	52,810	59,810	53,300	6,510
General insurance	101,380	101,380	94,656	6,724
Periodicals and subscriptions	24,000	27,000	18,091	8,909
Travel	2,500	3,000	1,583	1,417
Supplies	126,065	129,000	96,139	32,861
Rent	20,150	30,150	22,404	7,746
Repairs and maintenance	120,744	146,700	83,602	63,098
Miscellaneous	10,200	10,200	9,104	1,096
Total culture and recreation	1,742,784	1,808,175	1,453,327	354,848
Capital outlay -	92,000	95,500	101,185	(5,685)
Total expenditures	1,834,784	1,903,675	1,554,512	349,163
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(287,437)	(238,728)	96,539	142,189
Other financing sources: Proceeds from sale of assets	1,080	1,128	1,129	1
Net change in fund balance	(286,357)	(237,600)	97,668	142,188
Fund balance, beginning	289,152	289,152	219,414	-
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 2,795</u>	\$ 51,552	\$ 317,082	\$ 142,188

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Total OPEB Liability *

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Service cost	\$ 11,236	\$ 8,431	\$ 13,755	\$ 10,758
Interest	19,962	23,808	21,248	17,288
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	25,136	73,220	(59,531)	(6,828)
Changes of assumptions	(43,834)	97,991	76,743	5,654
Benefit payments	(10,717)	(11,306)	(10,722)	(11,312)
Net change in total OPEB liability	1,783	192,144	41,493	15,560
Total OPEB liability - beginning	574,679	576,462	768,606	810,099
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 576,462	<u>\$ 768,606</u>	<u>\$ 810,099</u>	<u>\$ 825,659</u>
Covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 507,498</u>	\$ 522,723	<u>\$ 495,750</u>	\$ 510,623
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	113.59%	147.04%	163.41%	161.70%

* Equal to net OPEB liability

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability/Asset -Parochial Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

* Year ended December 31,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)
2015	0.09%	24,497	495,908	4.94%	99.15%
2016	0.09%	244,263	532,831	45.84%	92.23%
2017	0.09%	187,024	538,511	34.73%	94.15%
2018	0.09%	(63,159)	523,619	12.06%	101.98%
2019	0.09%	390,327	540,480	72.22%	112.53%
2020	0.08%	3,877	521,776	0.74%	100.12%
2021	0.08%	(133,577)	499,226	26.76%	96.16%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Schedule of Employer Contributions -Parochial Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Year ended	Contractually Required	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required	Contribution Deficiency	Employer's Covered	Contributions as a % of Covered
December 31,	Contribution	Contribution	(Excess)	Payroll	Payroll
2015 2016	77,147 70,012	77,147 70,012	-	532,831 538,511	14.5% 13.0%
2017	65,469	65,469	-	523,619	12.5%
2018	62,174	62,174	-	540,480	11.5%
2019	60,058	60,058	-	521,776	11.5%
2020	62,330	62,330	-	508,815	12.25%
2021	61,155	61,155	-	499,226	12.25%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

(1) <u>Budgetary Practices</u>

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

- 1. The Library's Director prepares a proposed budget and presents it to the Board of Control prior to ninety days before the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. After the proposed budget is presented to the Board of Control, the Board publishes the proposed budget and notifies the public that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- 3.A public hearing is held by the Board on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- 4. Any changes in the proposed annual operating budget require a majority vote of the Board of Control.
- 5.No later than the last regular meeting of the fiscal year, the Board of Control adopts the annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year.
- 6. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 7. Budget appropriations lapse at year-end.

(2) <u>OPEB</u>

Benefit changes -

There were no changes of benefit terms

Changes of assumptions –

Year ended December 31,	Inflation Rate	Discount Rate	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Projected Salary Increase
2018	2.50%	4.10%	5.50%	4.00%
2019	2.50%	2.74%	5.50%	3.00%
2020	2.00%	2.21%	5.50%	3.00%
2021	2.00%	2.06%	5.50%	3.00%

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

(3) <u>Pension Plan</u>

Changes of Benefit Terms -

There were no changes of benefit terms

Changes of assumptions -

* Year ended December 31,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
,					
2015	7.25%	7.25%	3.00%	4	5.75%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2017	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	4	5.25%
2019	6.50%	6.50%	2.50%	4	4.75%
2020	6.50%	6.50%	2.50%	4	4.75%
2021	6.40%	6.40%	2.30%	4	4.75%

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

Board of Control Vermilion Parish Library Abbeville, Louisiana

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 governmental activities and the major fund of the Vermilion Parish Library (the Library), a component unit of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 3, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Abbeville, Louisiana May 3, 2022

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings And Management's Corrective Action Plan Year Ended December 31, 2021

Part I: Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

No items reported under this section.

B. Compliance

No items reported under this section.

Part II: Prior Year Findings

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

No items reported under this section.

B. Compliance

No items reported under this section.

Vermilion Parish Library Abbeville, Louisiana

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Control of the Vermilion Parish Library, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Vermilion Parish Library's (the Library) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Library has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employees(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- h) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- 1) *Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

- 4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- 5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- 6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with nonpayroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); should not be reported.)]

- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

- 11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation and:

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported]
- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- 14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

- 15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g. if approval is required for any amendment was approval documented).
- *d)* Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

- 16. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 18. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- 19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g. payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b. Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

Debt Service

- 21. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.
- 22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

Fraud Notice

- 23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
- 24. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 25. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
 - b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

Sexual Harassment

- 26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under 'Payroll and Personnel' above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 27. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 28. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Findings:

No exceptions were found as a result of procedures list above with the exception of:

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers):

58 of 88 receipts tested were not deposited within a timely manner.

4 of 88 receipts tested did not have a receipt number.

Management's Response:

The Vermilion Parish Library concurs with the exceptions and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the Library to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. 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.

We are required to be independent of the Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, 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 LLA as a public document.

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