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Opelousas, Louisiana

**Financial Statements** 

Year Ended December 31, 1999

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Independent Auditor's Report

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We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library, as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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So crety of Lemmatina County J. Public Accountsists In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 11, 2000, on our consideration of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Danall, Sikes & Trederick

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana May 11, 2000

# Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 1999

# **ASSETS**

		Governn Fund T		Gen		Total		
	General		•	venue	Fixed Assets		(Memorandum Only)	
Cash	\$	157,415	\$	863	\$	-	\$	158,278
Investments:								
Eunice		25,937		-		-		25,937
Opelousas		11,038		-		-		11,038
Land		· •		-	11	8,176		118,176
Building		_		-	54	1,654		541,654
Equipment		-		-	7	7,269		77,269
Furniture and fixtures		_		-	13	9,355		139,355
Books				-	79	4,681		794,681
Paintings and stuffed wildlife		<del></del>		<u>.</u>	2	7,037	<u></u>	27.037
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	<u>194,390</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>\$1,69</u>	<u>8,172</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,893,425</u>
L	ABIL	ITIES AND	FUNI	EQUIT	Ϋ́			
Accounts payable	\$	1,552	\$	_		_	\$	1,552
Accrued liabilities		7,677		<u> </u>				7,677
Total liabilities		9,229			<del></del>			9,229
Fund Equity: Investment in general fixed								
assets		-		-	1,69	8,172		1,698,172
Fund balances								
<ul> <li>unreserved, undesignated</li> </ul>		<u> 185,161</u>		863				186,024
Total fund balance	<u></u>	<u> 185,161</u>	<del></del> -	863	_1.69	<u>8,172</u>		1,884,196
Total liabilities and								
fund balance	<u>\$_</u>	<u> 194,390</u>	<u>\$</u>	863	<u>\$1,69</u>	<u>8,172</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,893,425</u>

# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended December 31, 1999

Governmental Fund Types Total (Memorandum Special Revenue General Only) Revenues: \$301,918 301,918 Intergovernmental Machine charges 10,282 10,282 Fines 5,388 5,388 48,000 Grant 48,000 30 3,113 3,143 Interest Miscellaneous <u> 2,930</u> <u> 2,930</u> 5,418 Total revenues 366,243 371,661 Expenditures: Current -Executive and administrative 263,178 868 264,046 Capital outlay <u>859</u> <u>37,540</u> <u> 36,681</u> Total expenditures <u>299,859</u> <u>301,586</u> <u>1,727</u> Excess of revenues over expenditures 66,384 <u>3,691</u> <u>70,075</u> Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers in 4,000 4,000 Operating transfers out (4.000)(4.000)Total other financing sources (uses) 4,000 (4<u>,000</u>) Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses (309)70,384 70,075 <u>115,949</u> Fund balances, beginning of year <u>1,172</u> <u> 114,777</u> Fund balances, end of year <u> 186,024</u> <u>\$185,161</u> <u>863</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual -General and Special Revenue Funds Year Ended December 31, 1999

		General Fund						
	Budget	Budget Actual						
	·							
Revenues:	A A 7 7 7 1	<b>0.001.010</b>	Φ 34.107					
Intergovernmental	\$277,731	\$ 301,918	\$ 24,187					
Machine charges	8,000	10,282	2,282					
Fines	-	40.000	40.000					
Grant	000	48,000	48,000					
Interest	900	3,113	2,213					
Miscellaneous	<u>2.022</u>	<u>2,930</u> <u>366,243</u>	<u>908</u> 77,590					
Total revenues	<u> 288.653</u>	_300.243						
Expenditures:								
Current -								
Executive and administrative	277,655	263,178	14,477					
Capital outlay	<u>54.600</u>	<u> 36,681</u>	17,919					
Total expenditures	332,255	<u>299,859</u>	32,396					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over								
expenditures	_(43,602)	66,384	<u>109,986</u>					
Other financing sources (uses):								
Operating transfers in	-	4,000	4,000					
Operating transfers out	(2.000)		2,000					
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2.000)	<u>4,000</u>	6.000					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other								
sources over expenditures and other uses	(45,602)	70,384	115,986					
Fund balances, beginning of year	114,777	_114,777						
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 69,175</u>	<u>\$ 185,161</u>	<u>\$ 115,986</u>					

Special Revenue Fund

Totals (Memorandum Only)

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Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)			
\$ - 6,000  60  330  6,390	\$ - 5,388 30 - 5,418	\$ - (612) (30) (330) (972)	\$277,731 8,000 6,000 960 2,352 295,043	\$301,918 10,282 5,388 48,000 3,143 2,930 371,661	\$ 24,187 2,282 (612) 48,000 2,183 578 578			
1,300 1,250 2,550	868 859 1.727	432 391 823	278,955 55,850 334,805	264,046 37,540 301,586	14,909 <u>18,310</u> <u>33,219</u>			
3,840	3.691	(149)	(39,762)	<u>70.075</u>	109,837			
(4,000) (4,000)	(4,000) (4,000)		(6,000) (6,000)	4,000 (4,000)	4,000 2,000 6,000			
(160)	(309)	(149)	(45,762)	70,075	115,837			
1,172	1,172	<del>_</del>	115,949	115.949				
<u>\$ 1,012</u>	<u>\$ 863</u>	<u>\$ (149)</u>	<u>\$ 70.187</u>	<u>\$186,024</u>	<u>\$ 115,837</u>			

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting and reporting practices of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517, and to the industry audit guide, <u>Audits of State and Local Governments</u>, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices of the Library.

# A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

The Library, as categorized by GASB 14, is considered a joint venture of the cities of Opelousas and Eunice. The cities do not exercise significant influence over management or fiscal matters of the Library but do provide substantial operating revenues to the Library.

### B. Fund Accounting

The Library uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of carmarked monies (special revenue funds). Funds are classified into two generic fund types as follows:

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in another fund.

# Special Revenue Funds

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

# C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Interest income is susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting, when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

# D. Cash

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. At December 31, 1999, the Library has cash and interest-bearing deposits totaling \$195,153.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must equal the amount

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances at December 31, 1999, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 195,153</u>
Federal deposit insurance Pledged securities (Category 3) Total	200,000 100,000 300,000
Excess	<u>\$ 104.847</u>

Pledged securities in Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Library's name. Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) Louisiana revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Library that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### E. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group, rather than in governmental funds. The Account Group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with the measurement of results of operations.

Due to the nature of its operations, the Library does not have any public domain (infrastructure) fixed assets. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. The estimated amounts of fixed assets are immaterial to these financial statements. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### F. Encumbrances

The Library does not use encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in the fund general ledgers.

# G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

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

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Η. Compensated Absences

The Library has the following policy regarding vacation and sick leave. Annual vacation leave is earned on a monthly basis and no leave is granted until the employee has been working one year. Annual leave may only be taken after it has been carned (accumulated). An employee may be allowed to carry over an amount equal to up to half of their annual allotment earned as of their anniversary date into the next vacation year, with the understanding that it will be forfeited with no future payment for hours lost if not used in that vacation year. No annual leave is earned while an employee is on leave of absence without pay. Actual paid hours determine actual entitlements. All annual leave earned, including all carried over, will be applied to absences due to illness when any available paid sick leave has been depleted. Annual leave of three days or more shall be approved by the administrative librarian at least five days in advance. Employees may accumulate up to 224 hours of sick leave. No compensation is allowed for unused sick leave when employees terminate their employment. Accrued compensated absences is immaterial at December 31, 1999 and not recorded in the financial statements.

#### I. Total Columns on Combined Statements - Overview

Total columns on the Combined Statements - Overview are captioned (Memorandum Only) to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

#### NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 1999, investments consisted of the following:	_Rate_	_Amount
Ennice Insured Money Market: St. Landry Bank & Trust Company	Variable	\$25,937
Opelousas Insured Money Market: St. Landry Bank & Trust Company	Variable	\$11,038

#### Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 3 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT

All employees who are hired on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five (35) hours per week, not participating in another public funded retirement system and under age sixty (60) at date of employment are members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS).

All employees who are not members of MERS contribute a percentage of each employee's salary to the Social Security Retirement System (7.65% contributed by the Library, 7.65% by the employee).

# Municipal Employees' Retirement System

### Plan Description:

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer employee retirement system (PERS) as established and provided for by R.S. 11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the Library are members of Plan A.

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

# Funding policy:

Plan members contribute 9.25% of their annual covered salary to the system while the Library is required to contribute at the statutory rate of 5.75% of the total annual covered salary. The Library's contributions to the system for the year ended December 31, 1999, was \$7,596.

A publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental financial information may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

### NOTE 4 BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S COMPENSATION

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

# Notes to Financial Statements

# NOTE 5 Changes in Fixed Assets

The following is a summary of changes in the general fixed assets account group during the fiscal year:

	Balance, cember 31, 1998	-	Additi	ons	Dele	Balance December Delctions 1999		
Land	\$ 118,176	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$	118,176
Buildings	541,654			-		-		541,654
Equipment	77,269			-		-		77,269
Furniture and								
fixtures	139,355			-		-		139,355
Books	768,642		31,5	592		5,553		794,681
Paintings and								-
stuffed wildlife	 27,037							27,037
	\$ 1,672,133		\$ 31.5	592	\$ :	5,553	\$	1,698,172

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEDULES OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

GENERAL FUND

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY General Fund

# Balance Sheet December 31, 1999

# **ASSETS**

Cash	\$157,415
Investments:	25.027
Eunice	25,937
Opelousas	11,038
Total assets	<u>\$ 194,390</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND E	QUITY
Accounts payable	\$ 1,552
Accrued liabilities	7,677
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Total liabilities	9,229
Fund balance:	
Unreserved, undesignated	<u> 185.161</u>
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Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$194,390</u>

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY General Fund

# Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental -			
City of Opelousas	\$174,000	\$174,000	\$ -
City of Eunice	103,731	102,471	(1,260)
State Aid	-	25,447	25,447
Grants	-	48,000	48,000
Machine charges	8,000	10,282	2,282
Gifts and lost books	500	262	(238)
Memorial Fund	250	808	558
Interest income	900	3,113	2,213
Refunds	172	1,180	1,008
Miscellaneous	1.100	<u>680</u>	(420)
	288,653	<u>366,243</u>	77,590
Expenditures: Current expenditures -			
Executive and administrative Capital outlay -	277,655	263,178	14,477
Books	43,816	36,337	7,479
Furniture and equipment	10,784	344	10,440
	332,255	299,859	32,396
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over			
expenditures	(43,602)	66,384	109,986
Other financing sources (uses):	(2.000)	4.000	C 000
Operating transfers in (out)	(2,000)	<u>4,000</u>	6,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	(45,602)	70,384	115,986
Fund balance, beginning of year	114,777	114,777	<del></del>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 69,175</u>	<u>\$ 185,161</u>	<u>\$ 115,986</u>

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY General Fund

# Detailed Schedule of Current Expenditures -Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Executive and Administrative:				
Audit and legal fees	\$ 3,653	\$ 3,239	\$ 414	
Salaries	182,449	174,967	7,482	
Substitutes and part-time employees	3,400	4,417	(1,017)	
Payroll taxes and pension contributions	12,981	11,750	1,231	
Employer's hospitalization contributions	7,130	7,550	(420)	
Maintenance and repairs - equipment	17,088	10,267	6,821	
Dues	235	135	100	
Insurance	9,100	9,157	(57)	
Rentals	6,835	6,787	48	
Administrative supplies	8,341	8,303	38	
Communications	2,792	4,185	(1,393)	
Travel	1,820	1,599	221	
Bayou Land Library System	21,831	6,830	15,001	
Utilities	<del>-</del>	<u>13.992</u>	(13,992)	
	<u>\$277.655</u>	<u>\$263,178</u>	<u>\$ 14,477</u>	

# SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

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To account for the receipt and subsequent expenditures of fines received from over-due books.

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY Fine Fund

Balance Sheet December 31, 1999

# **ASSETS**

Cash

FUND EQUITY

Fund Balance:
Unreserved, undesignated

\$ 863

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY Fine Fund

# Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Fines collected	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,388	\$ (612)
Interest income	60	30	(30)
Other income	<u>330</u> <u>6,390</u>	5,418	(330) (972)
Expenditures:			
Current -			
Executive and administrative:	400	205	1.5
Supplies Miscellaneous	400 400	385 63	15 337
Travel	500	420	80
Capital outlay	1,250	859	391
	2,550	1,727	823
Excess of revenues over expenditures	3,840	3,691	(149)
Other financing uses:			
Operating transfers out	(4,000)	(4,000)	
Excess of expenditures over revenues			
and other uses	(160)	(309)	(149)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>1.172</u>	1.172	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,012</u>	\$ 863	\$ (149)

# GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for general fixed assets.

# OPELOUSAS-EUNICE PUBLIC LIBRARY General Fixed Assets Account Group

# Statement of General Fixed Assets December 31, 1999

General fixed assets: Land Buildings Equipment Furniture and fixtures Books Paintings and stuffed wildlife	\$ 118,176 541,654 77,269 139,355 794,681 
	<u>\$1,698,172</u>
Investment in general fixed assets:	
Acquired from General Fund Revenues	\$ 509,247
Acquired from State Aid	265,499
Acquired from donations and gifts	146,702
Acquired from Louisiana State Library	40,041
Acquired from federal grants	337,476
Acquired from City of Opelousas	175,000
Acquired from Fine Fund	23,694
Acquired from City of Eunice	66,468
Acquired from Eunice Contingency Funds	134,045
	<u>\$1,698,172</u>

# Statement of Changes in General Fixed Assets Year Ended December 31, 1999

	Land	Buildings	Equipment	
General fixed assets, beginning of year	\$118,176	\$ 541,654	\$ 77,269	
Additions: General Fund revenues Donations	-	<del>-</del>	-	
Deductions: Books withdrawn		<del>-</del>	<u> </u>	
General fixed assets, end of year	<u>\$118,176</u>	\$ <u>541,654</u>	<u>\$ 77,269</u>	

	Furniture and Fixtures	Books	Paintings and stuffed Wildlife		Totals	
\$	139,355	\$768,642	\$	27,037	\$1,672,133	
	-	30,320 1,272		-	30,320 1,272	
		(5,553)			(5,553)	
<u>\$</u>	<u> 139,355</u>	<u>\$ 794,681</u>	<u>\$</u>	27,037	\$1,698,172	



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

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

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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2000. We have conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management.

# Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 did not disclose any instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our

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judgment, could adversely affect the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 99-1.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe the reportable condition described in the schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 99-1 is a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Library's commissioners and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties..

Darnall, Sikes & Trederick

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Eunice, Louisiana May 11, 2000

Schedule of Prior Year Findings Year Ended December 31, 1999

98-1 Finding: <u>Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions</u>

Status: This finding is unresolved. See current year finding 99-1.

# Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 1999

# Part 1 Summary of Auditor's Results

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Auditor's Report

An unqualified opinion has been issued on the Library's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999.

# Reportable Conditions - Financial Reporting

There were no reportable conditions in internal control noted during the audit of the financial statements.

# Material Noncompliance - Financial Reporting

There are no material instances of noncompliance noted during the audit of the financial statements.

# Federal Awards

This section is not applicable for the year ended December 31, 1999.

### Management Letter

This section is not applicable for the year ended December 31, 1999.

# Part 2 Findings Relating to an Audit in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

## 99-1 Individual Segregation of Accounting Functions

### Finding:

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

### Recommendation:

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

# Management's Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings Year Ended December 31, 1999

# Response to finding 99-1:

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