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MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN
PUBLIC LIBRARY
(A Component Unit of the County of Montgomery)
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library
Norristown, Pennsylvania

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (a component unit of the County of Montgomery), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, as of December 31, 2024, 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Montgomery County-Norristown Public 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

Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Montgomery County-Norristown Public 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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



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substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, 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 Montgomery County-Norristown Public 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 3-5 and 19-20 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.

Emerge Accounting Group, PC

Collegeville, Pennsylvania
April 28, 2025

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
(a Component Unit of the County of Montgomery)
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31, 2024

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

As management of Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (the "Library"), we offer readers of the Library's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Library for the year ended December 31, 2024.

This annual report consists of three parts—Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information. The basic financial statements include information that presents two different views of the Library.

- The first column of the financial statements includes information on the Library under the modified accrual method of accounting. These fund financial statements focus on current financial resources and provide a more detailed view about the accountability of the Library's sources and uses of funds.
- The adjustment column of the financial statements represents adjustments necessary to convert the financial statements to the government-wide financial statements under the full accrual method of accounting.
- The government-wide financial statements column provides both long-term and short-term information about the Library's overall financial status. The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Library as a whole and present a long-term view of the Library's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Library's General Fund balance increased \$4,288,240 or 44.21% as a result of this year's operations.
- The Library's net position increased \$4,400,171 or 42.02%.
- The Library's total support and revenue was \$10,654,660 in 2024 compared to \$12,057,249 in 2023. This was a decrease of \$1,402,589 or 11.63%.
- The Library's total expenses were \$6,254,489 in 2024 compared to \$5,941,434 in 2023. This was an increase of \$313,055 or 5.27%.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SYSTEM

The following comparative condensed financial data serves as indicators of the Library's financial health or financial position. The Library's net position, as shown below, increased by \$4,400,171 in 2024. Table 1 shows the Library's net position for a comparative two-year period. The component change in net position is shown in Table 2 as condensed Statements of Activities. Table 3 provides a comparative of the components of the capital assets from 2023 to 2024.

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TABLE 1 - Condensed Statements of Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,368,499	\$ 3,419,372
Investments	9,999,430	5,856,124
Other assets	64,307	806,940
Capital assets, net	<u>1,069,640</u>	<u>987,093</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>15,501,876</u>	<u>11,069,529</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable, due to district and compensated absences	267,601	235,671
Unearned revenues, state aid	<u>363,690</u>	<u>363,444</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>631,291</u>	<u>599,115</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	1,069,640	987,093
Restricted	113,497	69,586
Unrestricted	<u>13,687,448</u>	<u>9,413,735</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 14,870,585</u>	<u>\$ 10,470,414</u>

TABLE 2 - Condensed Statements of Activities

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Public support	\$ 3,333,869	\$ 5,998,813
Government appropriations and grants	6,121,892	5,957,929
Interest income	1,148,286	54,222
Other revenues	<u>50,613</u>	<u>46,285</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>10,654,660</u>	<u>12,057,249</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries, wages and benefits	3,875,886	3,818,073
Other operating costs	<u>2,378,603</u>	<u>2,123,361</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>6,254,489</u>	<u>5,941,434</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>\$ 4,400,171</u>	<u>\$ 6,115,815</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31, 2024

TABLE 3 - Capital Assets

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Books and collections	\$ 10,471,782	\$ 10,068,668
Improvements	492,477	492,477
Furniture and equipment	245,354	148,659
Computer equipment	218,327	218,327
Vehicles	<u>603,017</u>	<u>582,367</u>
	12,030,957	11,510,498
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,961,317)</u>	<u>(10,523,405)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,069,640</u>	<u>\$ 987,093</u>

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, Montgomery County's allocation to the Library was \$3,049,389 a 4.0% increase from 2023. The State Public Library Subsidy received by the Library in 2024 was \$1,418,723, an increase of 1.04%. In 2024, District State Aid was \$727,133, a .05% increase from 2023.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

In June of 2024, the Library received distributions from the Estate of Bernard Lucci totaling \$3,188,253. The Estate has held back \$4,000,000 that it will draw upon to cover expenses and administrative fees. A final distribution will be made upon the settlement of the Estate, in which the Library has a 15% interest. The Library's Board of Directors adopted an investment policy on May 20, 2024, to provide for the creation of, and guidelines for the management of, various funds held by the organization.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or additional request for financial information should be addressed to the Executive Director, Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library, 1001 Powell Street, Norristown, PA 19401

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note D)	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,368,499	\$ -	\$ 4,368,499
Investments	9,999,430	-	9,999,430
Other receivables	29,714	-	29,714
Prepaid expenses	32,585	-	32,585
Capital assets, net	-	1,069,640	1,069,640
	\$ 14,430,228	\$ 1,069,640	\$ 15,499,868
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	59,688	\$ -	\$ 59,688
Due to District for One Book One County	19,435	-	19,435
Unearned revenues	363,690	-	363,690
Compensated absences	-	186,470	186,470
	442,813	186,470	629,283
 FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION			
Fund balance			
Nonspendable, prepaid expenses	32,585	(32,585)	-
Restricted (Note G)	113,497	(113,497)	-
Assigned (Note F)	12,092,128	(12,092,128)	-
Unassigned	1,749,205	(1,749,205)	-
	13,987,415	(13,987,415)	-
	\$ 14,430,228		
 Net position			
Net investment in capital assets		1,069,640	1,069,640
Restricted		113,497	113,497
Unrestricted		13,687,448	13,687,448
		14,870,585	14,870,585
		\$ 1,069,640	\$ 15,499,868

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General Fund	Adjustments (Note D)	Statement of Activities
EXPENSES			
Library operations			
General administration	\$ 604,849	\$ (11,014)	\$ 593,835
Materials and services	5,709,365	(538,829)	5,170,536
Programs	52,206	-	52,206
Depreciation	-	437,912	437,912
Other programs and fundraising	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>6,366,420</u>	<u>(111,931)</u>	<u>6,254,489</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES			
Charges for service	50,401	-	50,401
Program grants	400	-	400
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	<u>50,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,801</u>
NET PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>6,315,619</u>	<u>(111,931)</u>	<u>6,203,688</u>
GENERAL REVENUES			
Montgomery County appropriation	3,049,389	-	3,049,389
State aid appropriations	2,145,856	-	2,145,856
Branch libraries	97,129	-	97,129
Local municipal appropriations	72,622	-	72,622
Donated rent and services	756,496	-	756,496
Contributions	3,317,420	-	3,317,420
Fundraising	16,449	-	16,449
Investment income	1,148,286	-	1,148,286
Miscellaneous	212	-	212
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	<u>10,603,859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,603,859</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION	4,288,240	111,931	4,400,171
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>9,699,175</u>	<u>771,239</u>	<u>10,470,414</u>
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 13,987,415</u>	<u>\$ 883,170</u>	<u>\$ 14,870,585</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

The Montgomery County-Norristown Public Library (the "Library") is organized for the purpose of maintaining a free public, non-sectarian library for the residents of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The Library functions as the source of materials and services for all citizens of Montgomery County to meet their lifetime needs for information, education and recreation. All citizens are offered access to a diverse collection of materials and expert assistance in a welcoming environment. The Library supports local libraries in Montgomery County and acts as an essential link to the global network of library resources. The Library also provides management services for its four Branch libraries and operates three Bookmobiles.

The Library is considered a component unit of the County of Montgomery.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Library have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB has issued codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for state and local governments that have implemented GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements –and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

Basis of Accounting

The Library's basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The statement of net position includes and recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as obligations, including accounts payable. The Library's net position is reported in three parts: net investment in capital assets, restricted net position and unrestricted net position.

Fund Financial Statements – The Governmental Fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Library considers revenue to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred as under the accrual method of accounting.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Library has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

Investments

Investment purchases are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair value in the statement of financial position. Net investment return/(loss) is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less investment expenses. Net investment return is reported as an increase or (decrease) in unrestricted funds unless restricted by donors.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$1,000 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Capital assets are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost.

Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Books and collections	3-10
Computer equipment	5
Furniture and equipment	7
Improvements	7
Vehicles	5-10

Fund Balance

The Library has implemented GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraint placed on the Library's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – Amounts that are not in spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government) through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – Amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Library itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (the Board of Directors). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Library takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned Fund Balance – Amounts the Library intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors.

Unassigned Fund Balance – Amounts available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

The Board of Directors establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption or amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is intended to be used by the Library for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.

The Library will typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period reported. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Appropriations

The Library receives appropriations from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the County of Montgomery and various municipalities located in Montgomery County.

Program Revenues

The statement of activities and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance present three categories of program revenues: (1) charges for services, (2) program grants and (3) capital grants. Charges for services are those revenues arising from charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods and services provided by the Library. Program and capital grants are revenues arising from receipts that are restricted for a specific use.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Library are entitled to paid vacation depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. The Library has accrued \$186,470 on the government-wide statement of net position for unused vacation days as of December 31, 2024.

Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position includes donations whereby the donor restricts the principal and allows only the interest to be used for an intended purpose, such as the purchase of books. Other restricted donations can be used in total for specific programs of the Library.

Donated Rent and Services

The Library uses rent-free buildings and related equipment, which are owned by Montgomery County. The County provides security, maintenance and part of the insurance on the facility. The estimated free rent and services are recognized as revenue and as an expense on the Governmental Fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance and statement of activities, respectively.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A – NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

State Aid

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides aid to the Library annually. The amount of aid the Commonwealth appropriates and distributes to the Library is based on the Commonwealth's fiscal year ending June 30. Since the Library has a year-end of December 31, it recognizes one half of the prior year's state appropriated aid and one half of the current year's state appropriated aid each calendar year.

Due to District for One Book One County

One Book One County is the Montgomery County District Libraries annual event managed by the Library. The net income from the One Book One County event belongs to the District, not the Library. Therefore, the accumulated net income from the event is presented as a liability on the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of net position.

NOTE B – DEPOSITS

Deposits consist of the following at December 31, 2024:

Cash in checking and money market accounts	\$ 4,152,443
Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust	<u>363,238</u>
BALANCE PER BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	4,515,681
Outstanding checks and reconciling items	<u>(147,206)</u>
	4,368,475
Cash on hand	<u>24</u>
CARRYING AMOUNT ON STATEMENT OF NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 4,368,499</u></u>

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Library's deposits may not be returned to it. As of December 31, 2024, \$3,570,332 of the Library's bank balance of \$4,515,681 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Deposits in excess of FDIC but collateral is held by the pledging bank's trust department not in the Library's name	\$ 3,224,907
Uninsured	<u>345,425</u>
Total balance exposed to custodial credit risk	<u><u>\$ 3,570,332</u></u>

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NOTE B – DEPOSITS, continued

Pennsylvania statutes provide for investment of local government funds and their component unit funds into certain authorized investment types, including U.S. Treasury bills, other short-term U.S. and Pennsylvania government obligations and insured or collateralized time deposits and certificates of deposit. The statutes do not describe regulations related to demand deposits; however, they do allow the pooling of government funds for investment purposes.

Although not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and not subject to regulatory oversight, the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust acts like a money market mutual fund in that its objective is to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share and it is rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and subject to an independent annual audit.

NOTE C – INVESTMENTS

Generally accepted accounting principles provide a framework for measuring fair value. That framework establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

On December 31, 2024, the Library's investments consisted of publicly traded equities held in an investment portfolio totaling \$9,999,430. Investments are reported at fair value using a Level 1 measure.

The following table presents the Library's assets measured at fair value within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2024:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money Market	\$ 756,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 756,821
Fixed Income U.S. Exchange Traded	1,567,617	-	-	1,567,617
Fixed Income Cash Equivalent	3,100,833	-	-	3,100,833
Fixed Income Bonds and Notes	2,294,667	-	-	2,294,667
U.S. Equity Common Stock	1,447,889	-	-	1,447,889
International Equity Common Stock	51,709	-	-	51,709
International Exchange Traded Funds	424,163	-	-	424,163
U.S. Exchange Traded Funds	355,731	-	-	355,731
Total Assets at Fair Value	\$ 9,999,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,999,430

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NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, is summarized below:

	Balance December 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2024
CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED				
Books and collections	\$ 10,068,668	\$ 403,114	\$ -	\$ 10,471,782
Improvements	492,477	-	-	492,477
Furniture and equipment	148,659	96,695	-	245,354
Computer equipment	218,327	-	-	218,327
Vehicles	582,367	20,650	-	603,017
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS BEING DEPRECIATED	11,510,498	520,459	-	12,030,957
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
Books and collections	(9,356,919)	(364,534)	-	(9,721,453)
Improvements	(492,477)	-	-	(492,477)
Furniture and equipment	(119,248)	(10,726)	-	(129,974)
Computer equipment	(215,755)	(1,343)	-	(217,098)
Vehicles	(339,006)	(61,309)	-	(400,315)
TOTAL ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(10,523,405)	(437,912)	-	(10,961,317)
CAPITAL ASSETS, net	\$ 987,093	\$ 82,547	\$ -	\$ 1,069,640

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE E – RECONCILIATION OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Total fund balance and the net change in fund balance of the Library's Governmental Fund differs from net position and changes in net position of the governmental activities reported in the statement of net position and statement of activities. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net position and statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the Governmental Fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance.

The following are reconciliations of fund balance to net position and the net change in fund balance to the change in net position.

TOTAL FUND BALANCE--MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS	\$ 13,987,415
Amounts reported in the statement of net position are different because:	
Compensated absences are long-term liabilities and are not reported in the Governmental Fund statement	(186,470)
Capital assets are not financial resources and are not reported in the Governmental Fund statement	<u>1,069,640</u>
NET POSITION--FULL ACCRUAL BASIS	<u>\$ 14,870,585</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE--MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS	\$ 4,288,240
Amounts reported in the statement of activities are different because:	
Compensated absences are expensed when earned in the statement of activities and when financial resources are used in the Governmental Fund statement	29,384
Capital outlays are reported as expenses in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund balance; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.	
Capital outlays	520,459
Depreciation	<u>(437,912)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND--FULL ACCRUAL BASIS	<u>\$ 4,400,171</u>

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NOTE F – ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

Assigned fund balance is comprised of the following as of December 31, 2024:

Board designated	
Employee education	\$ 87,094
Capital projects	198,005
Personnel costs (three months of wages and benefits)	1,234,038
Emergency operational costs	81,015
Improvements to library services	143,600
Technology	348,946
Bequest - Estate of Bernard Lucci	9,999,430
	<u>\$ 12,092,128</u>

NOTE G – RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

Restricted fund balance is comprised of the following as of December 31, 2024:

Trusts (Note H)	\$ 51,062
Anne Savacool Master Facilities Plan	14,500
Children's Special Education	5,208
Summer Reading Program	38,500
Teen Advisory Board	4,227
	<u>\$ 113,497</u>

NOTE H – RESTRICTED TRUSTS

Activity in the restricted trusts occurred as follows in 2024:

	Balance January 1, 2024	Investment Income	Expended	Balance December 31, 2024
Virginia D. Gabel Trust Fund	\$ 14,719	\$ 82	\$ (82)	\$ 14,719
S. Hillegas Trust Fund	7,188	290	(290)	7,188
John J. Pierson Trust Fund	1,712	344	(344)	1,712
Gilda Leigh Trust Fund	7,361	705	(705)	7,361
John Stirling Thompson Trust Fund	3,218	344	(344)	3,218
Patricia Dobbin Memorial Fund	5,986	180	(180)	5,986
Joan M. Trifield Memorial Fund	7,147	153	(153)	7,147
Celeste Cygal Miller Memorial Fund	3,731	350	(350)	3,731
	<u>\$ 51,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,448</u>	<u>\$ (2,448)</u>	<u>\$ 51,062</u>

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NOTE H – RESTRICTED TRUSTS, continued

The Virginia D. Gabel Trust Fund was established February 7, 1986. The Library is designated as the 100% income beneficiary of assets placed in a perpetual trust. Income is to be used to purchase books in memory of Virginia D. Gabel for the initial 15 years; thereafter, the income may be used for any proper library purpose. In 2003, the Board of Directors resolved to use the income from this trust for employee education.

The **S. Hillegas Trust Fund** was established September 1, 1977. Income is to be used to purchase books on art, drama, and music in memory of Sarah Louise Hillegas.

The **John J. Pierson Trust Fund** was established November 12, 1992. Income is to be used to purchase books in memory of John J. Pierson.

The **Gilda Leigh Trust Fund** was established August 1, 1998. Income is to be used for the purchase of books in memory of Gilda Leigh.

The **John Stirling Thompson Trust Fund** was established June 19, 1998. Income is to be used for books, periodicals, audiovisual recordings and computer software in the areas of family services, mental health, public welfare and social services in memory of John Stirling Thompson.

The **Dobbin Trust Fund** primarily funds employee education.

The **Trifield** and **Miller Trusts** fund book purchases. Both principal and interest may be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The restricted trusts are invested by the Library in cash and cash equivalents. Investment income on the restricted trusts was expended on books and library supplies for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Restricted trusts are recorded as part of restricted net position on the statement of net position.

NOTE I – OTHER TRUST INCOME

The Library is an income beneficiary of several trusts not controlled by Library management. Those trusts are not recognized as assets on the Library's financial statements. Income earned on these trusts was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2024, as follows:

Trust Funds	Date Established	Investment Income Provided
Benjamin E. Block	Prior to 1970	\$ 7,803
Kirke Bryan	October 21, 1992	8,594
Dorothy M. Wright	June 11, 1972	483
		\$ 16,880

Income from the Benjamin E. Block Trust is used to purchase books. Income from the other trusts must be used for any element of operations. In 2024, the Board of Directors resolved to designate the income from the trusts, other than the Block Trust, for employee education.

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NOTE J – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Library has a defined contribution retirement plan for its employees who have completed two years of service. Prior to September 2009, the Library was obligated to contribute 2.75% of salary to the plan for each participating employee. Effective September 2009, the Library will only make annual discretionary contributions, as funding permits. During 2024, the Library contributed \$60,062, 3% of salary to the retirement plan for 46 qualified employees.

The total contributions to the retirement plan by employees for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$142,220. The total number of plan members is 32 and all members are considered general employees.

The Library also has a supplemental retirement annuity plan, which is funded solely through employee contributions.

NOTE K – RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Library provides services and subsidizes the expenses of four branch libraries. Services and subsidized expenses include, but are not limited to:

Volume/Bulk Purchases: By purchasing books and library materials through the Library, all branch libraries receive volume discounts on purchases. Savings are distributed equally.

Cataloging: The Library has staff and resources to catalog books and library materials in a proficient and professional manner. Unit costs per item cataloged are \$29.28.

Salaries and Benefits: The Library employs 49 full-time and 21 part-time people. Branch libraries employ 31 persons. Branch libraries are subsidized for a portion of employees' gross wages. The percentage varies according to individual agreements negotiated between the Board of Directors of the Library and the branch libraries. All personnel taxes and personnel benefits are subsidized by the Library.

Automation Services: The Library maintains membership in the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC) on behalf of its main library, branch libraries and bookmobiles. MCLINC operates a library automation system for circulating and cataloging library materials, operates a County-wide Wide Area Network and provides internet access. MCLINC costs are computed according to a formula that reflects the number of physically separate sites and the number of computer workstations operated at each site. In 2024, MCLINC billed the Library a total of \$126,679.

Administration: The Library acts as a management administrator to assist/advise branch libraries with purchases, contracts and human resources.

Expenses incurred on behalf of the branch libraries and related reimbursements for the year ended December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Expenses	Reimbursement Revenues	Allocated State Aid	Net Expenses Absorbed by the Library
\$ 1,188,464	\$ 97,130	\$ 335,473	\$ 755,861

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NOTE L – DONATED RENT AND SERVICES

The Library uses rent-free buildings and related equipment owned and maintained by Montgomery County. The Library also receives in-kind services from the County and local municipalities. The estimated value for the donated rent and services for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

Free rent from the County	\$ 495,006
Building maintenance, security and partial insurance and other expenses paid by the County and local municipalities	<u>261,490</u>
	<u><u>\$ 756,496</u></u>

Donated rent and services are included as general revenues on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balance.

NOTE M – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 30, 2025 the Library received notice that it is a 10% beneficiary of the Estate of Margaret L. Reese, in honor of Margaret Lenhart Reese, Thomas S. Reese, and Lynn "Lenny" David Reese. The value of this interest is unknown at this time.

MC-NPL entered into a Lease with Norristown Centre A, L.P., for space in the Logan Commerce Center at 1700 Markley Street, Norristown. The lease is for a term of three years, with two renewal options of one year each. The annual Base Rent under the lease will be \$923,826.75 in the first year, \$951,661.55 in the second year, and \$979,976.22 in the third year. The Library will operate out of these premises while Montgomery County performs a major, multi-year renovation to the building at 1001 Powell Street.

On March 14, 2025, President Trump signed an Executive Order to eliminate the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS). MC-NPL does not receive any direct IMLS funding, and IMLS funding does not support the PA State Library Subsidy, which is MC-NPL's major source of state funding. We do not anticipate a direct impact on our revenue related to this Executive Order. There is a risk that we will lose access to, or see costs rise in, certain services provided to us by OCL, such as staff development, online patron services and databases, and Interlibrary Loan subsidies.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MONTGOMERY COUNTY-NORRISTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Originally Adopted Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual Balances	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Montgomery County appropriation	\$ 3,049,389	\$ 3,049,389	\$ 3,049,389	\$ -
State aid appropriations	2,145,612	2,145,612	2,145,856	244
Municipal revenue	189,930	189,930	169,751	(20,179)
Endowments and investments	91,500	91,500	1,148,286	1,056,786
Grants and fundraising	151,400	151,400	3,334,269	3,182,869
Fines and service income	50,394	50,394	50,401	7
Other	-	-	212	212
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>5,678,225</u>	<u>5,678,225</u>	<u>9,898,164</u>	<u>4,219,939</u>
EXPENSES				
Wage and benefits	4,420,576	4,420,576	3,950,861	469,715
Library materials	734,447	734,447	733,993	454
Furniture and equipment	47,276	47,276	151,463	(104,187)
Automation costs	158,851	158,851	129,370	29,481
Operating costs	617,364	617,364	644,237	(26,873)
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>5,978,514</u>	<u>5,978,514</u>	<u>5,609,924</u>	<u>368,590</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (300,289)</u>	<u>\$ (300,289)</u>	<u>\$ 4,288,240</u>	<u>\$ 3,851,349</u>

See accompanying notes to the budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

NOTE A – BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The Library adopted an annual budget for the General Fund. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with the budgetary comparison schedule. The differences between the budgetary comparison schedule and fund financial statements are listed in Note B. Budget amounts are as originally adopted by the Board of Directors.

Unexpended budgeted amounts lapse at the end of the budget year. Spending control is established by the amount of expenditures budgeted for the General Fund, but management control is exercised at budgetary line item levels. Encumbrance accounting is not used.

NOTE B – BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL RECONCILIATION

An explanation of the differences between budgetary revenues and expenses and those determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America follows:

REVENUES	
Actual amount (budgetary basis) from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 9,898,164
Differences - budget to GAAP	
In-kind expenses for rent, security and services by Montgomery County is not a budgetary resource	756,496
TOTAL REVENUES AS REPORTED ON THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,654,660
EXPENSES	
Actual amount (budgetary basis) from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 5,609,924
Differences - budget to GAAP	
In-kind expenses for rent, security and services by Montgomery County is not a budgetary resource	756,496
TOTAL EXPENSES AS REPORTED ON THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 6,366,420

NOTE C – EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following General Fund object levels (the legal level of budgetary control); however, the Board approved these extraordinary expenditures in advance:

Furniture and equipment	\$ 104,187
Operating costs	\$ 26,873