UTICA PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (and Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

Years Ended March 31, 2025 and 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees Utica Public Library

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Utica Public Library (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as of March 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the March 31, 2025 and 2024 financial statements of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Utica Public Library, as of March 31, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As more fully described in Note 2, Utica Public Library has excluded certain right-of-use assets and lease liabilities from the accompanying balance sheet that, in our opinion, should be included to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Quantification of the effects on the financial statements of the preceding practice is not practicable.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Utica Public Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion on the March 31, 2025 and 2024 financial statements.

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.

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 Utica Public Library's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 opinion. 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 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, including omissions, 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, 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 Utica 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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Utica 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.

East Syracuse, New York

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October 18, 2025

Utica Public Library **Statements of Financial Position** March 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,059,585	\$ 1,165,543
Library tax receivable	-	57,337
Prepaid expenses	13,346	11,873
Total current assets	1,072,931	1,234,753
Investments:		
Marketable securities	1,968,703	2,229,309
Restricted cash	897	2,223
Total investments	1,969,600	2,231,532
Property and equipment, net	2,623,666	1,975,556
Fine art collection	254,800	254,800
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,920,997</u>	\$ 5,696,641
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 152,877	\$ 16,484
Accrued expenses	5,523	32,857
Compensated absences	29,529	31,509
Deferred revenue	909,301	885,410
Total current liabilities	1,097,230	966,260
Net assets:		
With donor restrictions:		
Perpetuity	174,303	149,817
Time/purpose restricted	727,071	735,068
	901,374	884,885
Without donor restrictions:		
Designated by the board for endowment	1,075,009	1,378,059
Undesignated	2,847,384	2,467,437
	3,922,393	3,845,496
Total net assets	4,823,767	4,730,381
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 5,920,997</u>	\$ 5,696,641

Utica Public Library Statements of Activities For the Years Ended March 31, 2025 and 2024

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	Without		Restrictions	
<u>2025</u>	Donor	Time/Purpose		
	Restrictions	Restriction	Perpetuity	<u>Total</u>
Revenues, gains and other support:				
Local and public funds	\$ 351,137	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 351,137
Library tax levy	868,433	-	-	868,433
Federal and state aid, special legislative				
and private foundation grants	275,345	-	-	275,345
Contributions	111,074	-	25,000	136,074
Processing fees	35,273	-	-	35,273
Investment income, net of trustee fees of \$12,942	92,043	26,941	6,174	125,158
Earnings transferred to unrestricted funds	41,626	(34,938)	(6,688)	
Total revenue, gains, and support	1,774,931	(7,997)	24,486	1,791,420
Expenses and losses:				
Program services	1,442,451	; -	-	1,442,451
Management and general	255,583		_	255,583
Total expenses and losses	1,698,034	-		1,698,034
Change in net assets	76,897	(7,997)	24,486	93,386
Net assets - beginning of year	3,845,496	735,068	149,817	4,730,381
Net assets - end of year	\$ 3,922,393	\$ 727,071	\$ 174,303	\$ 4,823,767
	Without	With Donor	Restrictions	
<u>2024</u>	<u>Donor</u>	Time/Purpose		
	Restrictions	Restriction	Perpetuity	<u>Total</u>
Revenues, gains and other support:				
Local and public funds	\$ 280,910	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280,910
Library tax levy	850,306	-	-	850,306
Federal and state aid, special legislative				
and private foundation grants	163,076	-	-	163,076
Contributions	97,131	-	10,000	107,131
Processing fees	18,025	-	-0	18,025
Investment income, net of trustee fees of \$11,981	229,981	113,290	20,908	364,179
Total revenue, gains, and support	1,639,429	113,290	30,908	1,783,627
Expenses and losses:				
Program services	1,381,405	-	-	1,381,405
Management and general	234,591	_		234,591
Total expenses and losses	1,615,996		-	1,615,996
Change in net assets	23,433	113,290	30,908	167,631
Net assets - beginning of year	3,822,063	621,778	118,909	4,562,750
Net assets - end of year	\$ 3,845,496	\$ 735,068	\$ 149,817	\$ 4,730,381

Statements of Functional Expenses For the Years Ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 Utica Public Library

	ମ୍ରି ଆ	Program Services	Wan Se	Management & General		<u>Total</u> <u>2025</u>	된 있	Program Services	Mana & C	Management & General		<u>Total</u> 2024
Unrestricted												
Salaries and wages	€9	695,490	⊘	122,733	⊗	818,223	↔	673,214	↔	118,802	8	792,016
Payroll taxes		48,422		12,106		60,528		46,372		11,593		57,965
Employee benefits		145,789		36,447		182,236		130,637		32,660		163,297
Depreciation		169,848		18,872		188,720		166,762		18,529		185,291
Utilities		45,377		2,388		47,765		41,889		2,205		44,094
Books		27,393		1		27,393		30,992		ı		30,992
Insurance		24,837		1,307		26,144		23,336		1,228		24,564
Outside services		110,906		5,837		116,743		109,843		5,781		115,624
Technology and supplies expense		26,355		8,416		34,771		22,948		7,821		30,769
Serials		4,335		1		4,335		1,372		(1,372
Audio/visual		37,821		Ĭ		37,821		36,000		,		36,000
Postage		2,362		1,329		3,691		1,949		1,097		3,046
Library programs		40,912		10,228		51,140		32,475		8,119		40,594
Repairs and maintenance		11,244		592		11,836		19,344		1,018		20,362
Custodial supplies		4,697		1,174		5,871		2,594		649		3,243
Accounting fees		1		7,400		7,400				7,385		7,385
Legal fees		•		2,768		2,768				06		90
Conference and travel		j		6,503		6,503		t		4,342		4,342
Dues		1		7,155		7,155		•		4,325		4,325
Telecommunications		37,037		9,259		46,296		31,075		7,769		38,844
Other		9,626		1,069		10,695		10,603		1,178		11,781
Total	8	\$ 1,442,451	89	255,583	8	\$ 1,698,034	\$	\$ 1,381,405	S	234,591	8	\$ 1,615,996

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

Utica Public Library Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended March 31, 2025 and 2024

Cash flows from operating activities:		2025		2024
Change in net assets	\$	93,386	\$	167,631
Adjustments to reconcile net cash		,		
provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		188,720		185,291
Unrealized loss (gain) on sale of investment		123,273		(311,326)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		•		,
Tax levy receivable		57,337		(4,724)
Grants receivable		-		-
Prepaid expenses		(1,473)		(449)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:				(/
Accounts payable		136,393		4,362
Accrued expenses		(27,334)		2,457
Compensated absences		(1,980)		3,994
Deferred revenue		23,891		42,314
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	592,213		89,550
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of property and equipment		(836,830)		(118,354)
Sale of investments		460,299		174,989
Purchase of investments		(322,966)	_	(138,706)
Net cash used in investing activities		(699,497)		(82,071)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(107,284)		7,479
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of year	_	1,167,766	-	1,160,287
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of year	\$	1,060,482	\$	1,167,766

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Nature of Operations

Utica Public Library (the Library) is a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to provide information and learning experiences throughout the diverse community of Utica, New York. Particular emphasis is placed on services and collections for the business community, preschool children and school age children, local historians and genealogists, lifelong learners, and workers in transition. The Library, a co-central library for the Mid-York Library System, works cooperatively to ensure that the Library serves as a back-up for the member libraries in Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Library have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Library are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under fund accounting resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purpose. Separate accounts are maintained for a fund; however, in the accompanying financial statements, funds with similar characteristics have been combined into fund groups.

Financial Statement Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendation of FASB ASC 958-205-05-6 Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under FASB ASC 958-205-05-6, the Library is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. In addition, the Library is required to present a statement of cash flows.

Income Tax Status

The Library is exempt from Federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Management is unaware of any unrelated business activities that may be subject to unrelated business income tax or any activities that would jeopardize the Library's exempt status.

The Library follows guidance in the income tax standard regarding the recognition of uncertain tax positions. This guidance prescribes a recognition threshold for the financial statement recognition of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return that are not certain to be realized. The Library's tax returns are subject to review and examination by Federal authorities. The tax returns for the years prior to March 31, 2022 are no longer subject to examination.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments

The Library has investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values. These investments are considered to be trading securities because of management's for-profit motive to have the investments. The investments are classified as noncurrent assets because of management's intent to hold the portfolio indefinitely. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statement of activities.

Fair Value Measurement

Accounting guidance establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements. The valuation hierarchy is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs

The respective carrying value of certain financial instruments approximated their fair value. These instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses and notes payable. Fair values were assumed to approximate carrying values for these financial instruments since they are short-term in nature or the interest rates earned or paid approximate current market rates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Library uses the indirect method of reporting net cash flows from operating activities and considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Inexhaustible Collections and Books

Historical cost for the Library's fine art collection and research book collection are unavailable. Since the value of the research book collection is not readily determinable, the Library has not capitalized them. Books used in the circulating library have not been capitalized. The fine art collection has been capitalized at its appraised value.

Donated Property and Equipment

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. Such donations are reported in unrestricted net assets unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred Revenue

Amounts received from grants (principally governmental) are recognized as income to the extent of related services and/or expenses incurred. Deferred grant revenue represents the balances remaining on these grants and have been deferred to be matched with related expenses.

Property and Equipment

With the exception of the roof project in 1990 and subsequent property and equipment additions, historical costs are unavailable for property and equipment. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, property and equipment were recorded at replacement cost, with accumulated depreciation equal to the replacement cost. Property and equipment additions subsequent to January 1, 1990, are stated at cost or at market value at the date received as a gift, less accumulated depreciation. It is the Library's policy to capitalize expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$500. Depreciation on those additions is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. In addition, improvements and betterments, which increase the productivity or the life of an asset, are capitalized and depreciated. It is the policy of the Library to remove fully depreciated assets and the related accumulated depreciation from its books.

Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Those expenses include employee salaries and benefits and other administrative expenses such as system-wide automation services, insurances, depreciation, and facility maintenance costs. Employee benefits were allocated based on payroll paid and employee census in the functional areas and the administrative expenses were allocated based on estimates of program usage.

Concentration of Revenue

The majority of the Library's support, approximately 83%, is funded by state and county grants and a tax levy collected through the Utica City School district. The amount collected through the school district is 58% of this funding. Due to the fact that this funding is a tax, collection of these monies is guaranteed. There is no need for a reserve for credit losses. The other 25% is discretionary and could be reduced without any input from the Library.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with 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. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Library maintains its cash balances at regional banks, located in central New York. Accounts at these institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At March 31, 2025 and 2024, \$277,738 and \$0, respectively, were on deposit and uninsured.

Contributions and Support

When donations are received, they are accounted for in accordance with the recommendations of FASB ASC 958-605-45-3, *Contributions Received*. In accordance with FASB ASC 958-605-45-3, contributions received are recorded as contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions and those received without donor-imposed restrictions. The former shall be reported as donor restricted support that increases net assets with donor-imposed restrictions. The latter shall be reported as support that increases net assets without donor restrictions.

Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished), restricted net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Revenue Recognition

The Library has adopted FASB ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This ASU requires the recognition of revenue related to the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Library expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services, as well as additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures about revenues. The Library's significant revenue streams are amounts received from grants (principally governmental) which are recognized as income to the extent of the related services and/or expenses incurred.

Leases

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 842 - "Leases" require that certain contracts containing leases be recognized on the balance sheet as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities and was effective for the year ended March 31, 2024. The Library has reviewed the requirements of ASC 842 and determined that adoption of ASC 842 would not be cost beneficial for the Library. Accordingly, the Library has presented leases in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with the prior guidance (ASC 840).

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Library has \$1,059,585 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of cash \$1,059,585.. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date. The Library has a goal to maintain cash to meet one year of normal operating expenses which on average approximates \$1,600,000. The Library has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. In addition, as part of its liquidity management, the Library invests cash in excess of daily requirements in unrestricted marketable securities currently valued at \$1,070,772, at March 31, 2025.

Note 4 – Reclassification

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. The reclassifications do not affect the changes in net assets for the years ended March 31, 2025 and 2024.

Note 5 – Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash reported within the statement of financial position that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statement of cash flows. Restricted cash is for the purchase of library materials.

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,059,585
Restricted cash	897
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 1,060,482

Note 6 – Investments

Level 1 investment at March 31, 2025, is comprised of the following:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair</u> Value	<u>Unrealized</u> <u>Appreciation</u> (Depreciation)
Without Donor Restrictions: Equities/Mutual funds Total	\$ 859,492	\$ <u>1,070,772</u>	_\$ 211,280
	\$ 859,492	\$ <u>1,070,772</u>	\$ \$ 211,280
With Donor Restrictions: <u>Time/Purpose</u> Equities/Mutual funds Total	\$ 596,959	\$ 724,525	\$ 127,566
	\$ 596,959	\$ 724,525	\$ 127,566

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 – Investments (continued)

Perpetuity	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair</u> <u>Value</u>	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Equities/Mutual funds Total	\$ 147,553 \$ 147,553	\$ 173,406 \$ 173,406	\$ 25,853 \$ 25,853
Total all funds	<u>\$ 1,604,004</u>	\$1,968,703	<u>\$ 485,135</u>

Level 1 investment at March 31, 2024, is comprised of the following:

Without Donor Restrictions:	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair</u> <u>Value</u>	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Government obligations	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Equities/Mutual funds	1,022,204	1,348,170	325,966
Total	<u>\$1,022,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,670</u>	<u>\$ 325,966</u>
With Donor Restrictions: Time/Purpose Equities/Mutual funds Total	\$ 597,398 \$ 576,698	\$ 733,045 \$ 733,045	\$ 135,647 \$ 135,647
Perpetuity			
Equities/Mutual funds Total	\$ 124,072 \$ 124,072	\$ 147,594 \$ 147,594	\$ 23,522 \$ 23,522
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Total all funds	<u>\$ 1,744,174</u>	<u>\$ 2,229,309</u>	<u>\$ 485,135</u>

The following schedules summarize the investment return and its classification in the financial statements for the years ended net of fees:

March 31, 2025

	Fees / Interest / <u>Dividend</u> <u>Income</u>	Net Realized and Unrealized Gains / (Losses)	Total Investment Return
Without donor restrictions	\$ 55,825	\$ 36,218	\$ 92,043
Time/purpose	22,565	4,376	26,941
Perpetuity	4,809	1,365	6,174
Total	<u>\$ 83,199</u>	<u>\$41,959</u>	<u>\$ 125,158</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 – Investments (continued)

March 31, 2024

	Fees / Interest / Dividend Income	Net Realized and Unrealized Gains / (Losses)	Total Investment Return
Without donor restrictions	\$ 38,631	\$ 191,350	\$ 229,981
Time/purpose	15,601	97,689	113,290
Perpetuity	3,249	17,659	20,908
Total	<u>\$ 57,481</u>	<u>\$ 306,698</u>	\$ 364,179

Note 7 – Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at March 31, 2025 and 2024:

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
Land	\$	14,113	\$	14,113
Land improvements		168,509		129,409
Buildings		5,483,384	4	5,483,384
Building improvements	4	4,037,745	4	1,032,745
Furniture, fixtures and equipment		611,032		605,559
Café furniture		3,453		3,453
Construction in progress		803,507	_	16,250
Total	1	1,121,743	10),284,913
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(8	3,498,077)	(8	3,309,357)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 2	2,623,666	\$ 1	1,975,556

Depreciation expense for the years ended March 31, 2025, and 2024 totaled \$188,720 and \$185,291 respectively.

Note 8 - Net Assets

The Library's net assets at March 31, 2025 and 2024 consist of the following:

Without donor restrictions:	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Undesignated Board designated, unrestricted as to principal or income	\$ 2,847,384 _1,075,009 \$ 3,922,393	\$ 2,467,437 _1,378,059 \$ 3,845,496
With donor restrictions:	<u>\$ 3,722,393</u>	<u>\$ 3,643,490</u>
Time/purpose restriction:		
Restricted to the purchase of library materials from either principal or income plus funds provided for		
specific purposes.	<u>\$ 727,071</u>	<u>\$ 735,068</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 8 – Net Assets (continued)

Perpetuity:

Income restricted to the purchases of library materials with the principal (\$71,437) to be held in trust in perpetuity. Includes restricted cash of \$897 and \$2,223 at March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

\$ 174,303

\$ 149,817

Some of the permanently restricted net asset balances include accumulated unrestricted income which has not been transferred to the unrestricted fund.

Note 9 – Fine Art Collection

The Library possesses a fine art collection with an appraised value of \$254,800.

Note 10 – Retirement Plan

Plan Description

The Library participates in the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) through the City of Utica. This system is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, public employee retirement system. The ERS offers a wide range of plans and benefits which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability.

All staff of the Library are eligible to join NYSERS. Participation is mandatory for all full-time staff employed. Part-time staff not covered elsewhere may also join NYSERS if they meet the prescribed requirements. Part-time staff covered by other employers in the NYSERS must join.

Funding Policy

Employees hired prior to December 31, 2009, are vested after five years of credited employment and contribute 3% of their wages for the first ten years of their employment. Employees hired between January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012, are vested after ten years of credited employment and contribute 3% of their wages for the duration of their employment. Employees hired after April 1, 2012, are vested after ten years of credited employment and contribute a minimum of 3% of their wages for the duration of their employment. Employees hired after July 1, 2012, who make over \$75,000 and are not in a union, have the option of choosing a defined contribution plan. The contribution rate is increased if the wages are in excess of \$45,000.

The payroll for employees covered by the plan is aggregated and reported with the payroll of the City of Utica, New York. Separate payroll calculations for the pension plan of the Library are maintained by the City of Utica. The Library is billed for the pension costs for its employees. The Library's contribution for pension costs was \$ 92,596 and \$75,853 for the years ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and is included in employee benefits.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 11 – Compensated Absences

In the event of voluntary termination or retirement, the Library's employees are entitled to payment up to a maximum of 30 days accumulated vacation time. To recognize this liability, the Library has recorded an accrual in the amount of \$29,529 and \$31,509 at March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Note 12 - Deferred Revenue

The following amounts were received in fiscal years ending March 31, 2025 and 2024 with revenue recognition deferred until fiscal years ending March 31, 2026 and 2025.

	<u>2025</u>	2024
Library tax levy	\$ 886,833	\$ 799,214
Deferred infrastructure improvements	2,468	65,232
Summer reading program	20,000	20,964
Total	\$ 909,301	\$ 885,410

Note 13 – Operating Leases

The Library entered into non-cancellable leases for two copiers and a postage machine. Rental expense for year ending March 31, 2025, was \$2,067 and for year ending March 31, 2024, was \$2,529. The following are the future minimum required lease payments:

2025/2026	\$ 1,376
2026/2027	480
2027/2028	400
Total	\$ 2,256

Note 14 – Library Tax Levy

The Utica City School District (the District) voters may vote on an annual tax levy if one is approved by the Library's board for that year. If a new amount is not approved, the amount that is currently collected will remain the same for the next fiscal year. The City of Utica collects and remits the money to the District, which then remits the funds to the Library. Payment of these funds is not discretionary. For the fiscal years ending March 31, 2025 and 2024, \$868,433 and \$850,306, respectively, was reported.

Note 15 - Related Party Transactions

The Library is a member of the Mid-York Library System. The Mid-York Library System is able to provide goods and services to member libraries at reduced costs because of its purchasing power.

Note 16 – Subsequent Events

In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 855, Subsequent Events, the Library has evaluated subsequent events through October 18, 2025, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. All subsequent events requiring recognition as of October 18, 2025, have been incorporated into these financial statements herein.