

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE  
AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
(A Component Unit of  
Mecklenburg County, North Carolina)**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION**

*As of and the Year Ended June 30, 2021*

*And Reports of Independent Auditor*

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## Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Trustees  
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County  
Charlotte, North Carolina

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (the "Library"), a component unit of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Library's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Library as of June 30, 2021 and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

The accompanying financial statements represent the financial position of the Library. These financial statements are not intended to be a complete presentation of the financial position of the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, taken as a whole. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Other Matters***

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information ("RSI"), as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the RSI 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.

#### ***Supplementary and Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Library. The accompanying information, as listed in the table of contents and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2021, on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Cheryl Behrnt LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 27, 2021

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

*JUNE 30, 2021*

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**Introduction**

As management of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (the “Library”), we offer readers of the Library financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Library for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information furnished in the Library’s financial statements, which follow this narrative.

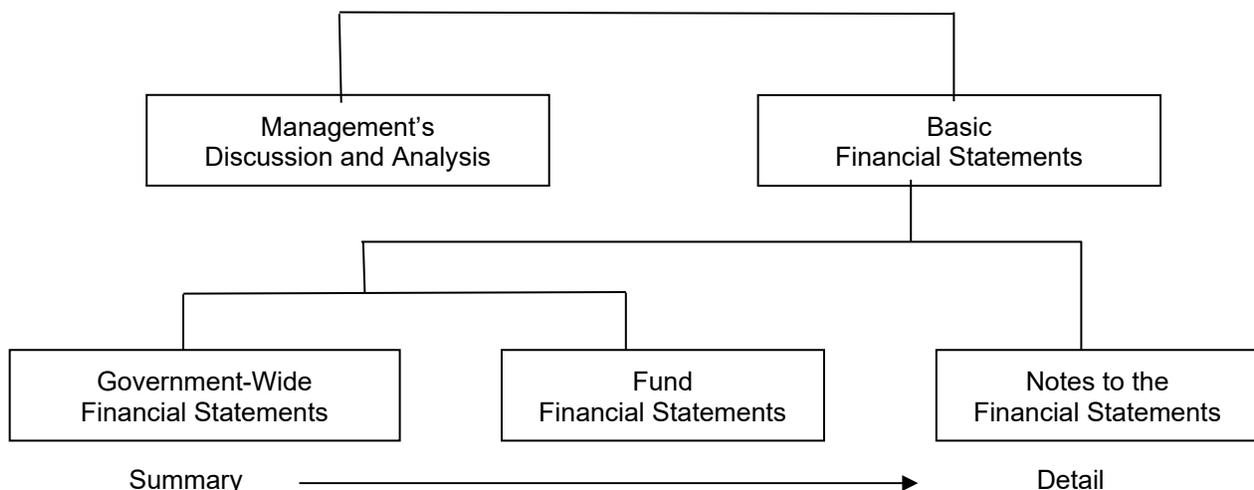
**Financial Highlights**

- Library assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$77.2 million (net position).
- The Library Foundation’s contributions and grants including cash donations and pledges for the year totaled \$6.6 benefiting the Library.
- At the close of the fiscal year, the Library’s portion of fund balance not designated for future use was \$3.6 million.
- The operating budget from the Library’s largest revenue source (Mecklenburg County) increased 4% from the prior year.
- Total actual revenues, including amounts paid on behalf, from Mecklenburg County decreased by 13% for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 which was primarily related to less contributions and pledges received by the Library Foundation in the current year.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Library’s basic financial statements. The Library’s basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Library through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader’s understanding of the financial condition of the Library.

**Required Components of Annual Financial Report**  
**Figure 1**



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**Basic Financial Statements**

The first two statements (Pages 12 and 13) in the basic financial statements are the Government-Wide Financial Statements. They provide both short and long-term information about the Library's financial status.

The next statements (Pages 14 through 19) are Fund Financial Statements. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Library's activities. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are two parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements and 2) the budgetary comparison statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the notes. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements.

Following the notes is the required supplementary information. This section contains funding information about the Library's other postemployment benefit plan and the Library's participation in the Local Government Employees' Retirement System. Accompanying information is also provided to show details about the Library's governmental funds.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the Library's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Library's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Library's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Library's total assets plus deferred outflows and total liabilities plus deferred inflows. While total net position would normally reflect the financial position of a government entity, the Library does not include debt associated with the acquisition of land and buildings as, in accordance with North Carolina statutes, Mecklenburg County issues debt for the Library's capital purposes. The Library does not record the long-term liability for debt issued by the County as it is not the obligor on the debt. The Library relies on Mecklenburg County to handle the debt associated with the acquisition and/or construction of capital facilities.

The government-wide statements consist only of governmental activities as the Library does not have any business type activities or discretely presented component units. The governmental activities include most of the Library's basic services such as general public service and programming. Mecklenburg County's annual appropriation finances most of these activities.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

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**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements, on pages 14 through 19 of this report, provide a more detailed look at the Library’s most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Library, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Library’s budget ordinance. The Library has only one fund type, the governmental fund.

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting*. This method also has a current financial resource focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed, short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Library’s programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is part of the fund financial statements.

The Library adopts an annual budget for its General Fund and one of its Special Revenue Funds, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Mecklenburg County through the Mecklenburg County’s budget process, the management of the Library, and the decisions of the Library Board of Trustees about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Library to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statements provided for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund demonstrate how well the Library complied with the budget ordinance. The budgetary comparison statements use the budgetary basis of accounting and are presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the Board of Trustees; 2) the final budget, as amended by the Board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. The Library Foundation is governed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and is not required by law to adopt a budget.

**Notes to Financial Statements** – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements appear on pages 20 through 38 of this report.

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**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, the Library does not issue debt for land or construction of capital facilities. The Library’s net position increased by \$12.7 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The largest portion of net position, totaling \$111.0 million is the Library’s investment in capital assets (books, land, equipment, and buildings), less any amounts remaining on the leases signed to acquire those items. The Library uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Library’s investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, much of the debt is handled by Mecklenburg County. An additional portion of the Library’s net position of \$41.8 million represents resources that are subject to restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining deficit of (\$75.6) million is unrestricted. Net position also reflects the Library’s proportionate share of the Local Government Employees’ pension expense as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statements 68 and Other Postemployment Benefits (“OPEB”) expenses as required by GASB 75. Decisions regarding the allocations are made by the administrators of the pension plan and OPEB plans, respectively, not by the Library’s management.

**The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County’s Net Position**  
**Condensed and Rounded to Nearest Thousand (000)**  
**Figure 2**

	<b>Government-Wide June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Government-Wide June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$ 14,690	\$ 13,300
Pledges receivable, current	3,298	3,928
Pledges receivable, noncurrent	12,120	10,735
Investments	21,783	15,135
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	111,048	102,083
Total Assets	162,939	145,181
Deferred outflows of resources	12,056	6,860
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current and other liabilities	8,012	6,467
Long-term liabilities	87,506	75,683
Total Liabilities	95,518	82,150
Deferred inflows of resources	2,297	5,364
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	111,029	102,063
Restricted	41,760	34,703
Unrestricted	(75,609)	(72,239)
Total Net Position	\$ 77,180	\$ 64,527

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**The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County's Changes in Net Position**  
**Condensed and Rounded to Nearest Thousand (000)**  
**Figure 3**

	<b>Government-Wide June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Government-Wide June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 1,379	\$ 2,076
Operating grants and contributions	1,577	902
General Revenues:		
Mecklenburg County	52,909	50,639
City of Charlotte appropriation	2	3
Investment earnings	2,115	(38)
Contributions to the Foundation	6,763	20,603
ABC Board contribution	657	743
Other Income	725	1,161
Total Revenues	66,127	76,089
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
General public services	52,622	50,622
Program/Outreach services	287	359
Printing and copying	564	629
Interest on long-term debt	1	1
	53,474	51,611
Change in net position	12,653	24,478
Net position, beginning of year previously reported	64,527	40,049
Net position, end of year	\$ 77,180	\$ 64,527

Net position increased by \$12.7 million primarily due to increased support from Mecklenburg County and contributions and pledges obtained through the Library Foundation.

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**Financial Analysis of the Library’s Funds**

As noted earlier, the Library uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Library’s governmental fund types are comprised of the general fund, special revenue funds, and capital project funds.

Revenues from intergovernmental sources comprise 84.9% of total revenues received during the Library’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, as compared to 69.7% for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Mecklenburg County, the city of Charlotte, and the ABC Board comprise 82.6% of total revenues as of June 30, 2021 as compared to 68.7% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The state of North Carolina and Federal Revenue Sources totaled 2.3%. Revenues generated through fines, fees, charges for services, and grants used to cover services account for 0.3% of total revenue for June 30, 2021. Investment earnings comprises 3.3% of total revenues. Investment earnings increased \$2.1 million from the prior year due to significant market improvements in FY2021 vs. FY2020.

Governmental funds expenditures were comprised of the following: Personnel, 50.3%, Library Collections (books, videos, software for public use, etc.) 9.1%; General Operations, 18.4%; and Capital Projects 22.2%. These percentages are consistent with the prior year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The Library’s annual balanced budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the Budget and Fiscal Control Act of North Carolina General Statutes. The general fund is the most significant fund budgeted.

During the course of fiscal year, the Library amended the general fund budget to reflect current circumstances. The Library Director is authorized to transfer budget amounts up to \$25,000 without formal approval from the Library’s Board of Trustees; and budget transfers over \$25,000 require Board approval. The general fund, as the primary fund supporting the majority of activities of the Library, is monitored by the Finance Director for any shortfalls of revenue or overspending of the budget. Purchase orders are pre-audited to ensure availability of funds for payment when goods or services are delivered.

Adjustments to increase original budgeted revenues for 2021 totaled \$3.4 million, primarily driven by Mecklenburg County in-kind facilities and security related expenditures and Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) Funding.

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**Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt Activity**

The Library’s investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation for governmental activities as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 is \$111.0 million and \$102.1 million, respectively. Capital assets include land, buildings and buildings improvements, books, furniture and fixtures, and construction in progress.

**Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation**

	<b>Government-wide Activities June 30, 2021</b>	<b>Government-wide Activities June 30, 2020</b>
Land	\$ 13,523	\$ 13,523
Buildings and building improvements	72,447	64,036
Books	4,203	4,587
Furniture and equipment	1,670	1,910
Intangible assets	2,957	3,677
Leasehold Improvements	1,151	-
Construction in progress	15,098	14,350
	<u>\$ 111,049</u>	<u>\$ 102,083</u>

In relation to the fixed assets, the Library has total debt outstanding of \$19,855. The debt is secured by the related assets of the Library, which includes capital lease obligations that decreased by \$381 during the past fiscal year.

**Fiscal Year 2021 Highlights**

In fiscal year 2021, the Library continued to focus on activities and initiatives that align with our mission and benefit the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community in the following ways:

- Increase access to resources, knowledge, and services to broaden economic opportunity
- Improve educational outcomes
- Establish the Library as public commons
- Increase organizational capacity, excellence, and sustainability

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The second year for Mecklenburg County 2020-2022 Strategic Business Plan and the mission to “Improve Lives and Build a Stronger Community” shaped our strategies. Highlights of fiscal year 2021 included:

- Welcomed new CEO/Chief Librarian, Marcellus “MT” Turner who reached his goal of visiting all locations within the system within his first four months.
- Reopened the newly renovated South County Regional Library in March 2021 with a *Welcome Home* event which included a week of assorted, themed activities.
- Piloted then incorporated limited outdoor programming (including book clubs) at local parks and at some branch locations.
- Launched a new social media profile, [@CMLibraryTeens](#) on Instagram to reach Mecklenburg County teens – the most challenging demographic in the community to engage with. We offer online programs, host fun games, and give them a space to submit books reviews, creative videos, and to be a part of important conversations for their age group, while still connecting them to Library services and resources.
- Hosted Amigo And Amigo Shrooms art installation from March-mid April at ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center. We partnered with the exhibit to provide books and activities to engage the children in the community.
- Launched the *Engage HER* portion of our Engage 2020 program. We hosted the *Engage HER* event with Queens University, *Engage HER* with University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and *Engage HER* Johnson C. Smith University.
- Distributed 2,522 refurbished laptops to adults in need through MeckTech, with funding by CARES grants, the Merancas Foundation, and private donations.
- Maintained extended Wi-Fi to our parking lots and around our buildings so that people with needs to access Wi-Fi could do so well before we returned seating to our branches.
- Partnered with Hope Vibes and Project Outpour to provide showers and hygiene services to Charlotte residents experiencing homelessness at Allegra Westbrooks Regional Library.
- Receiving an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the program *MeckTech Kits for Mecklenburg County’s Most Vulnerable Population*.
- Celebrated *Día* by supporting families with read-aloud and literacy activities, virtual family workshops, and a collaboration with The Charlotte Hornets Hugo’s Virtual Book Bus and Hispanic/Latino Fan Engagement Committee. Special guests for the signature event included children’s author, Lester Laminack, and Hugo.
- Hosted the 2021 Community Read program with 18,935 participants. Programs included Kimberly Jones and Gilly Segal signature event which had 1,442 total views on Facebook and YouTube and Jason Reynold’s author event that was attended live by 260 participants and viewed nearly 3,000 times.
- Implemented the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools ONE Access™ Community Connectors program. This program partners Library staff with a key staff member at CMS each school to connect with and support Library resources.
- Distributed 3,500 masks among the 19 Library branches as part of the Million Masks initiative.

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In fiscal year 2022, the Library will continue to focus on activities and initiatives that align with our mission and benefit the community. These include closing the current Main Library to begin construction on a re-imagined destination Main Library, bringing a mobile library to the community, launching a new mobile app for Library users, unifying the community through education, literacy, and celebrating differences with Community Read 2022, a continued partnership with the Seventh and Tryon Redevelopment Committee and much more.

**Request for Information**

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Library’s finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should contact the Director of Finance, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, 310 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

JUNE 30, 2021

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,261,559
Refundable sales tax	363,234
Other receivables	406,061
Pledges receivable, current	3,298,152
Due from other governmental agencies	557,062
Prepays	102,129
Total Current Assets	<u>17,988,197</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted long-term investments	21,782,631
Pledges receivable, noncurrent	12,119,692
Capital Assets:	
Land and other non-depreciable assets	28,620,986
Depreciable capital assets, net of depreciation	82,427,755
Capital Assets, net	<u>111,048,741</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>162,939,261</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Contributions to pension plan subsequent to the measurement date	1,943,167
Contributions to OPEB plan subsequent to the measurement date	1,136,853
Pension-related deferrals	3,163,541
OPEB-related deferrals	5,812,195
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>12,055,756</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable - trade	181,055
Other payables	1,546,876
Due to other governmental agencies	4,478,359
Current portion of compensated absences	1,805,090
Current portion of capital lease obligation	402
Total Current Liabilities	<u>8,011,782</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Unearned revenue	706,600
Compensated absences	610,527
OPEB liability	77,270,472
Capital lease obligation	19,453
Net pension liability	8,899,262
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>95,518,096</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
OPEB-related deferrals	2,220,335
Pension-related deferrals	76,575
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>2,296,910</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	111,028,886
Restricted For:	
Grants	123,907
Programming	440,058
Stabilization by state statute	2,711,343
Facility enhancements	1,093,244
Contributions held by the Foundation	32,279,150
Endowment funds held by the Foundation	5,112,213
Unrestricted (deficit)	(75,608,790)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 77,180,011</u>

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

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government:				
Governmental Activities:				
General public services	\$ 52,622,248	\$ 1,379,582	\$ 1,577,113	\$ (49,665,553)
Program/outreach services	286,909	-	-	(286,909)
Printing and copying services	563,862	178	-	(563,684)
Interest on long-term debt	1,120	-	-	(1,120)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 53,474,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,760</u>	<u>\$ 1,577,113</u>	<u>(50,517,266)</u>
General Revenues:				
				52,909,321
Mecklenburg County appropriation				2,500
City of Charlotte appropriation				6,762,695
Contributions				2,114,668
Investment earnings				657,058
ABC Board				724,739
Other income				
Total General Revenues				<u>63,170,981</u>
Change in net position				12,653,715
Net position, beginning of year				<u>64,526,296</u>
Net position, end of year				<u>\$ 77,180,011</u>

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

JUNE 30, 2021

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Library Foundation Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,238,076	\$ 1,673,754	\$ 349,729	\$ -	\$ 13,261,559
Refundable sales tax	322,077	41,157	-	-	363,234
Other receivables	248,174	157,887	-	-	406,061
Due from other governmental agencies	499,812	57,250	-	-	557,062
Prepays	102,129	-	-	-	102,129
Pledges receivable, current	-	-	3,298,152	-	3,298,152
Pledges receivable, noncurrent	-	-	12,119,692	-	12,119,692
Long-term investments	-	-	21,782,631	-	21,782,631
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,410,268</b>	<b>\$ 1,930,048</b>	<b>\$ 37,550,204</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 51,890,520</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 173,202	\$ 7,853	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,055
Other payables	1,382,485	5,550	158,841	-	1,546,876
Due to other governmental agency	4,478,359	-	-	-	4,478,359
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,034,046</b>	<b>13,403</b>	<b>158,841</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,206,290</b>
Fund Balances:					
Non-Spendable Fund Balance:					
Prepaid expenses	102,129	-	-	-	102,129
Endowments held by the Foundation	-	-	5,112,213	-	5,112,213
Restricted Fund Balance:					
Grants	-	123,907	-	-	123,907
Contributions held by the Foundation	-	182,426	32,279,150	-	32,461,576
Stabilization by State Statute	2,492,583	218,760	-	-	2,711,343
Facility enhancements	-	1,093,244	-	-	1,093,244
Programming	-	440,058	-	-	440,058
Assigned Fund Balance:					
Subsequent year's expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned fund balance (deficit)	3,781,510	(141,750)	-	-	3,639,760
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>6,376,222</b>	<b>1,916,645</b>	<b>37,391,363</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,684,230</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 12,410,268</b>	<b>\$ 1,930,048</b>	<b>\$ 37,550,204</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 51,890,520</b>

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL**  
**FUNDS TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

*JUNE 30, 2021*

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

Ending fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 45,684,230
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Cost of capital assets	174,475,176
Accumulated depreciation	(60,071,445)
Accumulated amortization	(3,354,990)
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the outflows of resources on the statement of net position.	1,943,167
Benefit payments to OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.	1,136,853
Other pension related deferrals in the current fiscal year are deferred outflows and inflows of resources on the statement of net position.	3,086,966
Other OPEB related deferrals in the current fiscal year are deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position.	3,591,860
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Compensated absences	(2,415,617)
Capital lease obligations	(19,855)
Total OPEB liability	(77,270,472)
Net pension liability	(8,899,262)
Unearned revenue	(706,600)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 77,180,011</u>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

*JUNE 30, 2021*

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Library Foundation Fund</b>	<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Intergovernmental:					
Mecklenburg County Operations	\$ 37,309,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,309,454
Amounts paid on behalf by					
Mecklenburg County	2,887,447	-	-	12,712,420	15,599,867
ABC Board	657,058	-	-	-	657,058
City of Charlotte	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
North Carolina	-	633,919	-	-	633,919
Federal	-	861,032	-	-	861,032
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>40,856,459</u>	<u>1,494,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,712,420</u>	<u>55,063,830</u>
Fines	71,311	-	-	-	71,311
Fees	33,450	-	-	-	33,450
E-Rate reimbursement	82,162	-	-	-	82,162
Contributions	-	202,702	6,559,993	-	6,762,695
Investment income, net	-	-	2,114,668	-	2,114,668
Other income	692,981	-	-	-	692,981
Total Revenues	<u>41,736,363</u>	<u>1,697,653</u>	<u>8,674,661</u>	<u>12,712,420</u>	<u>64,821,097</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
Salaries and benefits	28,342,884	611,504	-	-	28,954,388
Library collection	4,549,843	700,242	-	-	5,250,085
Facility related	5,084,697	-	-	-	5,084,697
Programming	199,481	87,428	-	-	286,909
Technology and equipment	1,147,343	778,731	-	-	1,926,074
Professional services	1,189,310	183,703	-	-	1,373,013
Personnel related	616,835	1,500	-	-	618,335
Miscellaneous	652,858	447,145	200,628	-	1,300,631
Capital Outlay:					
Other	65,004	-	-	12,712,420	12,777,424
Debt Services:					
Principal	381	-	-	-	381
Interest	1,120	-	-	-	1,120
Total Expenditures	<u>41,849,756</u>	<u>2,810,253</u>	<u>200,628</u>	<u>12,712,420</u>	<u>57,573,057</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>(113,393)</u>	<u>(1,112,600)</u>	<u>8,474,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,248,040</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Interfund transfer in	-	1,197,321	-	-	1,197,321
Interfund transfer out	-	-	(1,197,321)	-	(1,197,321)
Total Other Financing Sources(Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>1,197,321</u>	<u>(1,197,321)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<u>(113,393)</u>	<u>84,721</u>	<u>7,276,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,248,040</u>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>6,489,615</u>	<u>1,831,924</u>	<u>30,114,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,436,190</u>
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 6,376,222</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,645</u>	<u>\$ 37,391,363</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 45,684,230</u>

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

*YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021*

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 7,248,040
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful life:	
Expenditures for capital assets	15,431,121
Less current year depreciation	(5,508,482)
Less current year amortization	(957,373)
Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included in the statement of activities.	1,943,167
Benefit payments to OPEB plan in the current fiscal year statement of activities.	1,136,853
Repayment of the principal of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position:	
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	381
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:	
Compensated absences in excess of benefits used over current provision	(39,119)
OPEB expense	(3,508,011)
Pension expense	(3,124,620)
Contributed lease expense	(1,275,000)
Some revenues reported in the statement of activities do not provide current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as revenues in the governmental fund:	
Deferred revenue amortized	31,758
Contributed lease revenue	1,275,000
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 12,653,715</u>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental:				
Mecklenburg County Operations	\$ 38,960,759	\$ 38,960,759	\$ 37,309,454	\$ (1,651,305)
Amounts paid on behalf by				
Mecklenburg County	-	3,100,000	2,887,447	(212,553)
ABC Board	551,795	657,085	657,058	(27)
City of Charlotte	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>39,515,054</u>	<u>42,720,344</u>	<u>40,856,459</u>	<u>(1,863,885)</u>
Fines	300,000	300,000	71,311	(228,689)
Fees	260,700	260,700	33,450	(227,250)
E-Rate reimbursement	83,000	83,000	82,162	(838)
Other	255,750	473,500	692,981	219,481
Total Revenues	<u>40,414,504</u>	<u>43,837,544</u>	<u>41,736,363</u>	<u>(2,101,181)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Salaries and benefits	30,098,691	29,626,750	28,342,884	1,283,866
Library collection	4,765,438	5,073,286	4,549,843	523,443
Facility related	2,738,521	5,338,521	5,084,697	253,824
Programming	225,732	225,936	199,481	26,455
Technology and equipment	1,200,470	1,216,364	1,147,343	69,021
Professional services	726,500	1,940,288	1,189,310	750,978
Personnel related	147,845	753,061	616,835	136,226
Miscellaneous	560,907	1,188,751	652,858	535,893
Capital Outlay:				
Other	248,899	332,924	65,004	267,920
Debt Services:				
Principal	381	381	381	-
Interest	1,120	1,120	1,120	-
Total Expenditures	<u>40,714,504</u>	<u>45,697,382</u>	<u>41,849,756</u>	<u>3,847,626</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(1,859,838)</u>	<u>(113,393)</u>	<u>1,746,445</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Interfund transfer in	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfer out	-	-	-	-
Fund balance appropriated	300,000	1,859,838	-	(1,859,838)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>300,000</u>	<u>1,859,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,859,838)</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(113,393)</u>	<u>\$ (113,393)</u>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>			<u>6,489,615</u>	
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>			<u>\$ 6,376,222</u>	

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental:				
North Carolina	\$ 631,416	\$ 631,416	633,919	\$ 2,503
Federal	53,450	1,160,472	861,032	(299,440)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	684,866	1,791,888	1,494,951	(296,937)
Contributions	208,898	240,514	202,702	(37,812)
Total Revenues	893,764	2,032,402	1,697,653	(334,749)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Salaries and benefits	770,196	754,144	611,504	142,640
Library collection	648,256	708,256	700,242	8,014
Programming	221,228	324,781	87,428	237,353
Technology and equipment	-	973,225	778,731	194,494
Professional services	52,250	298,065	183,703	114,362
Personnel related	223	4,223	1,500	2,723
Miscellaneous	683,936	806,842	447,145	359,697
Capital outlay	6,588	6,588	-	6,588
Total Expenditures	2,382,677	3,876,124	2,810,253	1,065,871
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	(1,488,913)	(1,843,722)	(1,112,600)	731,122
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Interfund transfer in	1,138,605	1,389,016	1,197,321	(191,695)
Fund balance appropriated	350,308	454,706	-	(454,706)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,488,913	1,843,722	1,197,321	(646,401)
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	\$ -	\$ -	84,721	\$ 84,721
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of Year</b>			1,831,924	
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>			\$ 1,916,645	

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JUNE 30, 2021

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**Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies**

*Reporting Entity* – The Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (the “Library”) is a public library formed in 1902 by charter granted by the state of North Carolina. The Library is a component unit of Mecklenburg County and is included in Mecklenburg County’s basic financial statements. Mecklenburg County provides approximately 88% of the Library’s general funding and appoints a majority of the 11-member Library Board of Trustees (the “Board”). As required under generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”), these financial statements present the Library and its component unit, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation (the “Foundation”), a legally separate entity for which the Library is financially accountable. The Foundation exists solely to provide financial resources to the Library. The Foundation meets the criteria for being a blended component unit based on the following criteria under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 61 that it has a financial benefit or burden to the Library and Library personnel below the level of elected official have operational responsibility for its operations.

*Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements* – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all the activities of the Library. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The Library does not have any *business-type activities* which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operations or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

The Library reports four funds, its general fund, two major special revenue funds, and a capital projects fund.

*Government-Wide Financial Statements* – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Library gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include intergovernmental appropriations, grants, and donations. Revenues from intergovernmental appropriations, grants, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements* – Governmental funds are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting*. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Revenues are *available* when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Library considers revenues to be available if they are collectible within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources as are interfund transfers.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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JUNE 30, 2021

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**Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

The Library reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the Library's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are appropriations from Mecklenburg County. The primary expenditures are for personnel, library materials, and maintenance.

The *Special Revenue Fund and Foundation* account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. Generally, proceeds from federal and state grants as well as inter-fund transfers from the Foundation are accounted for in the Library's Special Revenue Funds.

The *Capital Projects Fund* accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of library facilities.

As a rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

For purposes of fund balance classification, expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly unassigned fund balance.

*Budgetary Data* – The Library's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund and one Major Special Revenue Fund. The Capital Projects Fund, a multi-year fund, is budgeted by project. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, project budgets totaled \$12,712,420. The Foundation is a non-profit as defined under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") 501(c) 3. It operates under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") statements and interpretations and is not required to adopt a budget. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than \$25,000. The governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* – The Library considers all highly-liquid investments, including all certificates of deposit with maturities of three months or less, to be cash equivalents.

*Restricted Long-Term Investments* – The restricted long-term investments of \$21,782,631 as of June 30, 2021, are those of the Foundation, a blended component unit of the Library. All those investments are held by a third party community foundation. Of those investments, as of June 30, 2021, \$8,486,695 are donor-restricted endowments and the Library has been designated as the beneficiary of the income of those endowments. Under the terms of those endowment agreements, the assets are held by a third party and the annual investment income is distributable to the Library. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the net appreciation on investments of donor-restricted endowments was \$1,972,659. In some instances, the Library may elect to have the income transferred to the principal of the endowment. These endowments are presented in the Library's non-spendable fund balance. The Foundation has certain investments that are being held to generate future income; therefore, they cannot be converted within a 12-month period.

*Other Receivables* – Other receivables consist of miscellaneous amounts due from third parties that are all considered collectible within the subsequent year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Pledges Receivable* – Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recognized at net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recognized at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts using a risk-adjusted interest rate is not considered material.

Management evaluates pledges receivable for collectability at least annually. The Library provides a provision for losses on uncollectible pledges equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts. Management's estimate is based on historical charge-offs, factors related to the specific donors' ability to pay, donor giving history, and current economic trends. As of June 30, 2021, no allowance was deemed necessary for outstanding pledges.

*Capital Assets* – Capital assets, primarily land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Library as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Purchased or constructed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Library capitalizes all library books with a useful life greater than one year. The Library has certain books that are considered historical treasures which are not capitalized and are recorded as expenditures in the year of acquisition. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 – 10 years
Books	3 years
Intangible assets	5 years

*Compensated Absences* – Vacation leave is earned by employees each pay period based on years and months of service and is fully vested when earned. Upon termination, an employee will be paid all unused, accumulated vacation. Employees earn sick leave at a flat rate, and there is no limit on accumulation. Eight hours of every 22 hours of unused, accumulated sick leave, which is fully vested when earned, is paid to an employee upon termination. For retiring employees, the balance of unpaid sick leave is used in the determination of length of service for retirement purposes. An expense and a liability for the accumulation of unused vacation and sick leave is recorded in the government-wide statements. The current portion of this obligation is estimated based upon historical trends. A liability for this amount is reported in the governmental funds only upon maturity, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

*Unearned Revenues* – Unearned revenues consist of prepaid lease income (see Note 7).

*Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources* – In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for Deferred Outflows of Resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized until then. The Library has two items that meet this criterion – pension-related deferrals and OPEB-related deferrals.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021

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**Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position also reports a separate section for Deferred Inflows of Resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized until then. The Library has two items that meets the criterion for this category – pension-related deferrals and OPEB-related deferrals.

*Net Position and Fund Balance* – For the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted* – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted* – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

For the governmental fund financial statements, equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

State law [G.S. 159-13(b)(16)] restricts the appropriation of fund balance for the subsequent year’s budget to an amount not to exceed the sum of cash and investments minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and unearned revenues arising from cash receipts as those amounts stand at the close of the fiscal year preceding the budget year.

Fund balances are classified as follows:

*Non-Spendable Fund Balance* – Portion of fund balance that cannot be spent because of their form or must be maintained intact:

*Prepaid Expenses* – Portion of Fund Balance that is not an available resource because it represents expenditures for future periods and is not a spendable resource.

*Endowments Held by the Foundation* – This represents the principal portion of gifts that cannot be spent because they must be maintained intact.

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*Restricted Fund Balance* – Portion of fund balance that is subject to limitations imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments. It also includes limitations imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation:

*Stabilization by State Statute* – Portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

*Grants* – Portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for performing programs.

*Programming* – Portion of fund balance that is restricted by the funding source for specific library programs.

*Facility Enhancements* – Portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for maintaining and enhancing existing facilities.

*Contributions Held by the Foundation* – This represents the restricted gifts that must be spent for their intended purpose per donor intent.

*Assigned Fund Balance* – Portion of fund balance whose intended use is established by the official designated by the governing body to encumber funds:

*Subsequent Year's Expenditures* – Portion of fund balance that is not already in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation; however, the budget ordinance authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to modify the appropriations by function up to \$25,000.

*Unassigned* – Portion of total fund balance available for appropriation which is uncommitted at year-end in excess of *non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned*.

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance - General Fund	\$ 6,376,222
Less prepaid expenses	102,129
Less stabilization by state statute	2,492,583
Remaining fund balance	<u>\$ 3,781,510</u>

The outstanding encumbrances are amounts needed to pay any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts that remain unperformed at year-end:

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Special Revenue Fund</u></b>
\$ 1,422,521	\$ 47,184

*Fund Balance Policy* – Any amount of funds in the unassigned fund balance in excess of the established computation can be used by the Library as approved by the Library's Board, without limitation, to augment the new fiscal year budget; be transferred to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation for investment, with any investment income to be used on behalf of the Library; or be left in the unassigned fund balance.

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*Risk Management* – The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Library acquires its risk management services through the city of Charlotte’s Risk Management Division. The Library has commercial general liability insurance of \$1 million per occurrence, workers’ compensation employers’ liability coverage of \$500,000, and public officers’ coverage of \$1 million per loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage levels in the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. As of June 30, 2021, the Library does not hold any flood insurance.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Director of Finance is individually bonded for \$50,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$250,000.

*Payments on Behalf* – The Library has various construction commitments with respect to branch facilities. Under the terms of its agreement with the County, the County directly pays for the construction expenditures. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions*, the Library reflects those payments made on its behalf as revenue when made and increases the cost of its capital assets by a corresponding amount. The Library has entered into an inter-local agreement with Mecklenburg County that is classified as a *voluntary non-exchange transaction*. Mecklenburg County pays directly for the Library’s security services and maintenance services. The Library recognizes the payments made on its behalf as a revenue and expenditure when made.

*Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Inventory* – In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”), the Library uses the purchases method to account for inventory and postage versus the consumption method.

*Transfers* – Transfers are used to move money between the funds to meet operating needs, such as for payroll and grants, and are funds transferred from the Foundation transferring to the special revenue fund. Transfers totaled approximately \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2021.

*Defined Benefit Pension Plans* – The Library participates in one cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State: The Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System (“LGERS”). For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the State-administered defined benefit pension plan, and additions to/deductions from the State-administered defined benefit pension plans’ fiduciary, net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the State-administered defined benefit pension plans. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Library’s employer contributions are recognized when due and the Library has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the State-administered defined benefit pension plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

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*Revenue Recognition* – The Foundation is a private, nonprofit organization that reports under FASB standards, including Topic 958. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation's financial information in the Library's financial reporting entity for these differences.

Contributions and unconditional promises to give to the Library Foundation are recognized as revenue when made or a written promise to give is conveyed, whichever is earliest. Contributions received with donor stipulations that restrict the use of the assets and promises to give that have time or purpose restrictions are reported as restricted fund balance and net position. The Library Foundation recognizes contributions when cash, securities, or other assets; or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional promises to give – that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return – are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. At June 30, 2021, the Library Foundation did not have any conditional promises to give.

**Note 2—Deposits and investments**

All deposits of the Library are made in Board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law G.S. 159-31. The Library may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is in North Carolina. Also, the Library may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

All deposits of the Library are insured or collateralized by using the Pooling Method. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Library, these deposits are considered to be held by the agent in the entity's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest-bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Library. Under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Library has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits; rather, it relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Library complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2021, the Library's deposits had a carrying amount of \$12,903,833 and a bank balance of \$13,261,559. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts and for certain qualifying and participating non-interest-bearing transaction accounts. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$12,963,281 was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. At June 30, 2021, the Library's petty cash fund totaled \$7,997. The Library has no policy for managing interest rate risk or credit risk.

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**Note 3—Investments**

At June 30, 2021, the Foundation’s investment balances were as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Investment Measurement Method</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Less than 1 Year</u>	<u>Less than 5 Years</u>	<u>2-5 Years</u>	<u>3-7 Years+</u>
Foundation for the Carolinas Liquid Reserve Pool	Net Asset Value	\$ 349,729	\$ 349,729	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Foundation for the Carolinas Income and Growth Pool	Net Asset Value	644,364	-	-	644,364	-
Foundation for the Carolinas Low Duration Fixed Income Pool	Net Asset Value	11,851,270	-	11,851,270	-	-
Foundation for the Carolinas Active Long-Term Growth Pool	Net Asset Value	800,303	-	-	-	800,303
Foundation for the Carolinas Diversified Long-Term Growth Pool	Net Asset Value	8,486,694	-	-	-	8,486,694
		<u>\$ 22,132,360</u>	<u>\$ 349,729</u>	<u>\$ 11,851,270</u>	<u>\$ 644,364</u>	<u>\$ 9,286,997</u>

Foundation funds are invested in Foundation for the Carolina’s Pooled Investment Funds. At June 30, 2021, \$349,729 of the amount listed is included in cash and cash equivalents. The following describes the Pooled Investment Funds listed:

*Liquid Reserve Pool* invests in the BlackRock TempFund, one of BlackRock’s Liquidity Funds. The fund seeks as high a level of current income as is consistent with liquidity and stability of principal.

*Low Duration Fixed Income Pool* preserves capital while generating income. Investments are allocated across four fixed income managers – Sterling Capital Short Duration (40%), Doubleline Low Duration (35%), BlackRock Low Duration (15%), and Brown Brothers Harriman Limited Duration (10%). These managers invest across a variety of fixed income instruments with maturities generally less than five years – approximately three years on average.

*Income and Growth Pool* is designed to yield consistent income and dividends while also achieving moderate capital appreciation. The portfolio is allocated 60% fixed income and 40% equity. The equity allocation includes domestic, international developed, and emerging market large and small cap equity securities. The fixed income allocation includes short- and medium-term fixed income securities with an aggregate maturity of six years.

*Active Long-Term Growth Pool* seeks long-term capital appreciation without exposure to hedge funds or private equity. It is invested in broad domestic and international large and small cap stocks in developed and emerging markets.

*Diversified Long-Term Growth Pool* is the model endowment portfolio recommended by FFTC’s Investment Committee for donors with long-term horizons. This portfolio is broadly diversified, offering domestic and international market exposure while investing in large cap and small cap securities in developed countries and emerging markets. The allocation includes alternative investments, hedge funds, and private equity investments to improve the overall risk/return profile of the portfolio. Due to the illiquid nature of the alternate investments, there are liquidity restrictions that will apply on these funds which may affect timing of grant requests.

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**Note 3—Investments (continued)**

The assets of each pool are owned by the Foundation for the Carolinas and not the Library Foundation. Each fund owns a pro-rata share of the total pool and receives an allocation of the change in the value of the pool based on their pro-rata percentage each month. The pools of the investments are not readily marketable.

The Foundation selected the investment pool at the time the funds are deposited. There are no restrictions on the withdrawal of funds. The Foundations can withdraw funds at any time with no penalty.

The Foundation does not have an investment strategy other than choosing the investment pool.

*Interest Rate Risk* – This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Foundation does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

*Custodial Credit Risk* – This is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Foundation does not have custodial credit risk policies for investments.

*Credit Risk* – Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of a debt type investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized rating organization. The Foundation does not have a policy on credit risk.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of a loss attributed to the magnitude of an entity's investment in a single issuer. The Foundation does not have a policy on concentration of credit risk.

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**Note 4—Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance June 30, 2020	Additions	Disposals Retirements and Reclassifications	Ending Balance June 30, 2021
Governmental activities:				
Non-depreciable assets:				
Land	\$ 13,523,473	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,523,473
Construction in progress	14,350,447	12,295,888	(11,548,822)	15,097,513
	<u>27,873,920</u>	<u>12,295,888</u>	<u>(11,548,822)</u>	<u>28,620,986</u>
Depreciable assets:				
Building and building improvements	107,984,781	11,165,687	-	119,150,468
Books	10,974,420	1,675,358	(2,234,300)	10,415,478
Furniture and equipment	8,340,897	372,716	(10,408)	8,703,205
Leasehold improvements	1,194,985	77,868	-	1,272,853
Totals at historical cost	<u>156,369,003</u>	<u>25,587,517</u>	<u>(13,793,530)</u>	<u>168,162,990</u>
Intangible assets:				
Digital books	4,343,915	1,358,926	-	5,702,841
Website and other projects	575,845	33,500	-	609,345
Total intangible assets	<u>4,919,760</u>	<u>1,392,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,312,186</u>
Less accumulated amortization:				
Digital books	(1,921,594)	(870,499)	-	(2,792,093)
Website and other projects	(476,023)	(86,874)	-	(562,897)
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building and building improvements	(43,949,230)	(2,784,598)	-	(46,733,828)
Books	(6,387,879)	(2,058,742)	2,234,300	(6,212,321)
Leasehold improvements	(39,833)	(82,261)	-	(122,094)
Furniture and equipment	(6,430,729)	(582,881)	10,408	(7,003,202)
Total accumulated amortization and depreciation	<u>(59,205,288)</u>	<u>(6,465,855)</u>	<u>2,244,708</u>	<u>(63,426,435)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 102,083,475</u>	<u>\$ 20,514,088</u>	<u>\$ (11,548,822)</u>	<u>\$ 111,048,741</u>

Included in buildings and furniture and equipment are assets under capital lease that had a cost basis and accumulated depreciation of \$3,068,972 and \$1,646,628, respectively, at June 30, 2021. All depreciation expense was charged to public services on the statement of activities. Additions to capital assets include approximately \$159,714 of equipment transferred to the Library from Mecklenburg County through capital reserve funding. Mecklenburg County obtained the funds to purchase these assets through the issuance of general obligation bonds and certificates of participation, which are on obligation of Mecklenburg County and not the Library.

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**Note 5—Long-term obligations**

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance			Ending Balance		Due Within One Year
	June 30, 2020	Additions	Retirements	June 30, 2021		
Compensated absences	\$ 2,376,498	\$ 1,793,250	\$ 1,754,131	\$ 2,415,617	\$ 1,805,090	
Capital lease obligations	20,236	-	381	19,855	402	
Unearned revenue	738,358	-	31,758	706,600	-	
Net pension liability	6,681,749	2,217,513	-	8,899,262	-	
Total OPEB liability	67,672,131	9,598,341	-	77,270,472	-	
	<u>\$ 77,488,972</u>	<u>\$ 13,609,104</u>	<u>\$ 1,786,270</u>	<u>\$ 89,311,806</u>	<u>\$ 1,805,492</u>	

The General Fund primarily is used to liquidate the liabilities for compensated absences, the net pension liability, and total OPEB liability.

**Note 6—Leases**

The Library leases certain facilities under lease agreements having initial terms of 3 to 50 years. The Library lease agreements include scheduled rent increases which management believes are intended to cover economic factors related to the underlying property, such as property value appreciation and inflation.

Two of the branch facilities leases have been classified as capital leases. Yearly lease payments of \$1,500 are required on the first capital lease until September 2045. Beginning July 2018, the second capital lease has an annual lease payment of \$1 through July 2051.

Total rent expenses for all leases amounted to approximately \$1,289,965 during the 2021 fiscal year. The following is a summary of the future minimum lease payments under the capital leases together with the present value of net minimum lease payments and approximate future minimum rental commitments under noncancelable operating leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more as of June 30, 2021:

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Operating</u>
2022	\$ 1,501	\$ 781,311
2023	1,501	796,919
2024	1,501	764,557
2025	1,501	776,152
2026	1,501	788,036
2027 - 2031	7,505	12,366,950
2032 - 2036	7,505	-
2037 - 2041	7,505	-
2042 - 2046	6,380	-
2047 - 2051	5	-
Total minimum payments	36,405	\$ 16,273,925
Less amount representing interest	(16,550)	
Present value of net minimum capital lease payments	<u>\$ 19,855</u>	

Total interest costs for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$1,120 relating to the capital lease obligations.

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**Note 7—Lease revenue**

The Library has an informal leasing arrangement with the city of Charlotte (the “City”) that relates to a joint venture project. The joint venture project was the construction of a building that incorporates a police station with a library branch. The Library and City agreed to share the cost of the construction, with the Library’s portion being funded by Mecklenburg County. The City has paid the Library approximately \$1.30 million related to the arrangement. The payments from the City were recorded by the Library as unearned revenue. The Library is amortizing the prepayment on a straight-line basis over the life of the building, which is estimated at 40 years. Rental income recognized in 2021 was \$31,758. Rental income is to be recognized as follows:

**Fiscal Years Ending June 30,**

2022	\$	31,758
2023		31,758
2024		31,758
2025		31,758
2026		31,758
2027 - 2031		158,790
2032 - 2036		158,790
2037 - 2041		158,790
2042 - 2046		71,440
	<u>\$</u>	<u>706,600</u>

**Note 8—Retirement plan**

*Plan Description* – The County is a participating employer in the statewide LGERS, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined-benefit pension plan administered by the state of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, the State Treasurer, and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System is included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“ACFR”) for the state of North Carolina. The State’s ACFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at [www.osc.nc.gov](http://www.osc.nc.gov).

*Benefits Provided* – LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member’s average final compensation times the member’s years of creditable service. A member’s average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member’s four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor’s Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member’s contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic postretirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

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**Note 8—Retirement plan (continued)**

*Contributions* – Contribution provisions are established by G.S. 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Library employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The Library’s contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 10.15% for general employees, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Library were \$1,943,167 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

*Refunds of Contributions* – Library employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By State law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60-day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual’s right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions* – At June 30, 2021, the Library reported a liability of \$8,899,262 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2019. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2020 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Library’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Library’s long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020 (the measurement date), the Library’s proportion was 0.249%, which was an increase of 0.004% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Library recognized pension expense of \$3,124,620. At June 30, 2021, the Library reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,123,820	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	662,280	-
Net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments	1,252,332	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Library contributions and proportionate share of contributions	125,109	76,575
Library contributions subsequent to measurement date	1,943,167	-
	<u>\$ 5,106,708</u>	<u>\$ 76,575</u>

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**Note 8—Retirement plan (continued)**

The \$1,943,167 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from Library contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

**Years Ended June 30,**

2022	\$ 877,470
2023	1,153,770
2024	685,100
2025	370,626
	<u>\$ 3,086,966</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions* – The total pension liability in the December 31, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation:	3.00%
Salary increases:	3.50% – 8.10%
Investment rate of return:	3.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e., general, law enforcement officer), and health status (i.e., disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2014.

Future ad hoc cost of living adjustment amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are, therefore, not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns, and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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**Note 8—Retirement plan (continued)**

As of June 30, 2020, the target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed income	29.00%	1.40%
Global equity	42.00%	5.30%
Real estate	8.00%	4.30%
Alternatives	8.00%	8.90%
Credit	7.00%	6.00%
Inflation	6.00%	4.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2020 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.05%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

*Discount Rate* – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Library’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate* – The following presents the Library’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Library’s proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1 percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
Library’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 18,055,629</u>	<u>\$ 8,899,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,674</u>

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position* – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ACFR for the state of North Carolina.

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**Note 9—Employee benefit plan**

Through the state of North Carolina, the Library offers a supplemental income plan to substantially all employees. This plan is a 401(k) savings plan under the IRC. Eligible participants may contribute up to the maximum allowable under law as a percent of base salary. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Library matched 100% of employee contributions up to 5% of compensation. Total expense relating to this plan was \$606,069 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

**Note 10—Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

Healthcare Benefits

*Plan Description* – As a component unit of Mecklenburg County, the Agency’s employees participate in Mecklenburg County’s healthcare plan, a single employer plan. As of October 8, 1996, this plan provides postemployment healthcare benefits to retirees of the Agency, provided they participate in the LGERS and have at least 20 years of creditable service with the Agency. After 10 years of service but prior to 20 years, the Agency pays 50% of the cost. The Agency’s retirees can purchase coverage for their dependents at the Agency’s group rates. Effective June 1, 2010, the plan was closed to new entrants. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75. There are no authoritative requirements to pay OPEB as benefits come due.

Healthcare participants was based on personnel information from Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Library records as of January 1, 2020:

Active participants	161
Retirees and dependents	168
Total Participants	<u>329</u>

**Total OPEB Liability**

The Library’s total OPEB liability of \$77,270,472 was measured as of June 30, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

*Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs* – The total OPEB liability in the January 1, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation:	2.5%
Salary increases:	3.50% – 7.75%
Healthcare cost trend rates:	Pre-65 – 7.30%
	Post-65 – 8.60%
	Decreasing each year to a rate of 4.50% Pre-65 and 4.50% Post-65 in 2027

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**Note 10—Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (continued)**

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer GO 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index as of the measurement date.

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>
Balance recognized at June 30, 2020	\$ 67,672,131
Changes recognized for the fiscal year:	
Service cost	1,517,248
Interest on the total OPEB liability	2,413,578
Difference between expected and actual experience	762,583
Changes of assumptions	5,765,298
Contributions from employer	<u>(860,366)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 77,270,472</u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.51% to 2.21%.

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 amounts-weighted Teachers Mortality Tables projected generationally with Scale MP2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation were based on the economic, demographic, and healthcare claim cost assumptions and represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate* – The following represents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.21%) or 1-percentage point higher (3.21%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (1.21%)</u>	<u>Interest Rate Discount Rate (2.21%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (3.21%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 94,780,167	\$ 77,270,472	\$ 63,872,292

*Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates* – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Library, as well as what the Library's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ 62,483,023	\$ 77,270,472	\$ 96,907,424

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**Note 10—Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (continued)**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Library recognized OPEB expense of \$3,508,011. At June 30, 2021, the Library reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 788,831	\$ 426,381
Changes in Assumptions	5,023,364	1,793,954
Library contributions subsequent to measurement date	1,136,853	-
	<u>\$ 6,949,048</u>	<u>\$ 2,220,335</u>

The \$1,136,853 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Library contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a decrease of the total OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

**Years Ending June 30,**

2022	\$ 546,091
2023	1,699,268
2024	1,346,501
	<u>\$ 3,591,860</u>

**Note 11—Major supplier**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, approximately 28.7% of all books and related items were purchased from one supplier.

**Note 12—Endowment fund**

The Library has been designated as the beneficiary of the income of several endowments. Under the terms of the agreements, the assets are held by a third party and the annual investment income is distributable to the Library. In some instances, the Library may elect to have the income transferred to the principal of the endowment. As of June 30, 2021, the endowments, which amounted to \$5,112,213 are presented in the Library's non-spendable fund balance as recorded through the Foundation.

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**Note 13—Contributed Rent Revenue**

The Library has entered into an agreement with the Children’s Theatre of Charlotte, Inc. (“CTC”) regarding the occupancy of ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center (“ImaginOn”). This agreement provides lease terms and an operating agreement beginning May 2005, with an initial lease term of 20 years with six successive options to renew and extend the agreement for a period of five years each. Under this agreement, CTC has access to the theatres, classrooms, and office space for \$1, upon execution of the agreement, and agrees to share in 50% of the operating costs of the facility.

Estimating the fair value of the lease at \$25 per square foot, based on a furnished and equipped special purpose facility, and using a 5% discount rate, a net present value was calculated in the amount of \$19,087,608 at the inception of the agreement. Based on this calculation, the total annual value of the lease agreement is estimated at \$1,275,000. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the estimated lease value is \$1,275,000.

The Library recorded contributed rent revenue and corresponding contributed rent expense in the amount of \$1,275,000 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

**Note 14—Related party transaction**

As of June 30, 2021, the Library owes \$4,478,359 to Mecklenburg County.

**Note 15—Pledges receivable**

Pledges receivable includes amounts due from the endowment campaigns for which written pledges have been received and other pledges or bequests of which the Library has been notified.

Pledges receivable at June 30, 2021 are scheduled to be received as follows:

<u>Years Ending June 30,</u>	
2022	\$ 3,298,152
2023	6,540,227
2024	2,487,927
2025	1,733,687
2026	104,150
Thereafter	<u>1,253,701</u>
Total pledges receivable	<u>\$ 15,417,844</u>

**Note 16—Contingencies**

During 2021, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (“COVID-19”) emerged globally. As a result of the spread of COVID-19, economic uncertainties have arisen that could negatively impact the Library’s revenue and operations for an indeterminable time period. Other financial impacts could occur that are unknown at this time.

**Note 17—Subsequent events**

The Library has evaluated subsequent events through October 27, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were noted that required disclosure in the financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS –  
HEALTHCARE BENEFITS PLAN – REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

*YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021*

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>				
Service cost	\$ 1,517,248	\$ 1,498,027	\$ 1,678,648	\$ 2,049,008
Interest	2,413,578	2,510,687	2,298,451	2,017,454
Differences between expected and actual experience	762,583	(821,179)	689,336	121,547
Changes of assumptions	5,765,298	1,524,160	(3,006,549)	(9,477,810)
Benefit payments	(860,366)	(826,497)	(786,769)	(1,063,005)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	9,598,341	3,885,198	873,117	(6,352,806)
Total OPEB liability, beginning of year	67,672,131	63,786,933	62,913,816	69,266,622
Total OPEB Liability, End of Year	<u>\$ 77,270,472</u>	<u>\$ 67,672,131</u>	<u>\$ 63,786,933</u>	<u>\$ 62,913,816</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 20,048,037	\$ 19,847,880	\$ 17,405,973	\$ 17,737,012
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	385.43%	340.95%	366.47%	354.70%

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE**

*Changes of Method* – The actuarial cost method used changed from projected unit credit to entry age normal to comply with GASB 75.

*Changes of Assumptions* – Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

2017	2.85%
2018	3.58%
2019	3.87%
2020	3.51%
2021	2.21%

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

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**LIBRARY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

*JUNE 30, 2021*

	Last Eight Fiscal Years *							
	Local Government Employees' Retirement System							
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Library's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.24904%	0.24467%	0.26173%	0.26734%	0.26457%	0.26692%	0.24970%	0.27190%
Library's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 8,899,262	\$ 6,681,747	\$ 6,209,133	\$ 4,084,215	\$ 5,615,062	\$ 1,197,926	\$ (1,472,596)	\$ 2,577,111
Library's covered payroll	\$ 19,811,279	\$ 18,163,070	\$ 18,912,433	\$ 17,155,056	\$ 17,397,652	\$ 16,291,567	\$ 15,182,660	\$ 13,262,181
Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	44.92%	36.79%	32.83%	23.81%	32.27%	7.35%	(9.70%)	19.43%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability**	88.61%	90.86%	94.16%	91.47%	98.09%	98.79%	102.64%	94.35%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ended June 30.

\*\* This will be the same percentage for all participant employers in the LGERS plan.

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

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**LIBRARY'S CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

*JUNE 30, 2021*

	Last Eight Fiscal Years							
	Local Government Employees' Retirement System							
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,943,167	\$ 1,683,444	\$ 1,372,103	\$ 1,337,155	\$ 1,029,303	\$ 1,177,606	\$ 1,151,433	\$ 1,074,340
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,943,167)	(1,683,444)	(1,372,103)	(1,337,155)	(1,029,303)	(1,177,606)	(1,151,433)	(1,074,340)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Public Library's covered-employee payroll	\$ 19,148,037	\$ 19,811,279	\$ 18,163,070	\$ 18,912,433	\$ 17,155,056	\$ 17,397,652	\$ 16,291,567	\$ 15,182,660
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.15%	8.50%	7.55%	7.07%	6.00%	6.77%	7.07%	7.08%

## **ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION**

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Library Foundation Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Salaries and Benefits:</b>					
Salaries, full-time employees	\$ 19,547,779	\$ 436,091	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,983,870
Salaries, other	150	-	-	-	150
Retirement benefits	8,794,955	175,413	-	-	8,970,368
Total Salaries and Benefits	<u>28,342,884</u>	<u>611,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,954,388</u>
<b>Library Collection:</b>					
Books and related items	4,549,843	700,242	-	-	5,250,085
<b>Facility Related:</b>					
Utilities	912,497	-	-	-	912,497
Telephone	224,315	-	-	-	224,315
Facility insurance	362,950	-	-	-	362,950
Building and grounds, maintenance and repairs	2,408,065	-	-	-	2,408,065
Real estate rental	952,152	-	-	-	952,152
Data lines	224,718	-	-	-	224,718
Total Facility Related	<u>5,084,697</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,084,697</u>
<b>Programming:</b>					
Adult programs	47,981	35,374	-	-	83,355
Teen programs	44,236	780	-	-	45,016
Children programs	107,264	23,849	-	-	131,113
Other	-	27,425	-	-	27,425
Total Programming	<u>199,481</u>	<u>87,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>286,909</u>
<b>Technology and Equipment:</b>					
Technology and software	811,032	778,731	-	-	1,589,763
Copier expense	336,311	-	-	-	336,311
Total Technology and Equipment	<u>1,147,343</u>	<u>778,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,926,074</u>
<b>Professional Services:</b>					
Consulting services	1,102,356	183,703	-	-	1,286,059
Legal services	72,954	-	-	-	72,954
Miscellaneous expense	14,000	-	-	-	14,000
Total Professional Services	<u>1,189,310</u>	<u>183,703</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,373,013</u>
<b>Personnel Related:</b>					
Auto allowance	5,955	-	-	-	5,955
Security	573,859	-	-	-	573,859
Training and travel	3,562	-	-	-	3,562
Professional development	18,017	-	-	-	18,017
Recruitment	10,555	-	-	-	10,555
Volunteers	2,007	-	-	-	2,007
Employee recognition	2,880	1,500	-	-	4,380
Total Personnel Related	<u>616,835</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>618,335</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Library Foundation Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>					
Postage	\$ 2,986	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,986
Supplies	69,401	9,415	-	-	78,816
Gas	160,883	-	-	-	160,883
Printing	227,551	-	-	-	227,551
Bank fees	18,085	-	-	-	18,085
Miscellaneous	173,952	437,730	200,628	-	812,310
Total Miscellaneous	<u>652,858</u>	<u>447,145</u>	<u>200,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300,631</u>
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>					
Buildings, equipment, and furnishings	65,004	-	-	12,712,420	12,777,424
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
Principal payments on capital leases	381	-	-	-	381
Interest payments on capital leases	1,120	-	-	-	1,120
Total Debt Service	<u>1,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,501</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 41,849,756</u>	<u>\$ 2,810,253</u>	<u>\$ 200,628</u>	<u>\$ 12,712,420</u>	<u>\$ 57,573,057</u>

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

**Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

To the Board of Trustees  
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County  
Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County (the "Library"), a component unit of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 27, 2021.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

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

*Cheryl Behant LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 27, 2021

## **Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act**

To the Board of Trustees  
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County  
Charlotte, North Carolina

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, a component unit of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina's (the "Library"), compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Library's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Library's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### **Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Library's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence about the Library's compliance with those requirements, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Library's compliance.

### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Library complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the Library is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Library's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over compliance.

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

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Cheryl Behrnt LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 27, 2021

**Report of Independent Auditor on Compliance for Each Major State Program and  
Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance and  
the State Single Audit Implementation Act**

To the Board of Trustees  
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program**

We have audited the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, a component unit of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina's (the "Library"), compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the Local Government Commission that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Library's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The Library's major state program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its state awards applicable to its state programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Library's major state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and applicable sections of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance") as described in the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Library's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Library's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Program**

In our opinion, the Library complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state program for the year ended June 30, 2021.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the Library is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Library's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control over compliance.

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

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Cheryl Behant LLP*

Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 27, 2021

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY  
(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor’s report issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified?  yes  no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?  yes  none reported

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted?  yes  no

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?  yes  no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses  yes  none reported

Noncompliance material to federal awards  yes  no

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)  yes  no

Identification of major federal programs:

**Assistance Listing Numbers    Names of Federal Program or Cluster**

21.019                                      Coronavirus Relief Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs                                      \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  yes  no



**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**  
**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures
<b><u>Institute of Museum and Library Services Federal grants passed through North Carolina and distributed to the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County:</u></b>		
North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of State Library:		
EZ Grant	45.310	\$ 50,000
ComConnections Grant	45.310	1,500
National Leadership Grant - Neighborhood WISP Network	45.312	91,250
<b><u>Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Coronavirus Aid, Rellief, and Economic Security Act passed through County of Mecklenburg, and distributed to the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County:</u></b>		
CARES Act - MeckTech Digital Divide	21.019	500,000
<b><u>Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Coronavirus Aid, Rellief, and Economic Security Act passed through City of Charlotte, and distributed to the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County:</u></b>		
CARES Act - Learning Lab	21.019	218,282
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>		<b>861,032</b>
<b><u>State Grants distributed directly to the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County:</u></b>		
North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of State Library: Aid to Public Libraries (State Aid) Program		
	-	633,919
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>		<b>633,919</b>
<b>Total Federal and State Awards Expended</b>		<b>\$ 1,494,951</b>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE & MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**(A Component Unit of Mecklenburg County, NC)**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS**

*YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021*

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**Note 1—Basis of presentation**

The information in the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (“SEFSA”) is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (“Uniform Guidance”), the Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina, and the State Single Audit Implementation Act. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of the basic financial statements.

**Note 2—Significant accounting policies**

Expenditures reported on the SEFSA are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

The Library has not contracted or made awards to any subrecipients.

The Library has elected not to use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.