

Financial Information

For The Year Ended December 31, 2021



Financial Statements

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Independent Auditors' Report

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHORTGRASS LIBRARY BOARD

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Shortgrass Library Board** which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **Shortgrass Library Board** as at December 31, 2021 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Shortgrass Library Board's accounting policy, see Note 2, in respect to capital assets and leasing arrangements states that they have not adopted the policy of capitalization and amortization as recommended under Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Management feels that expensing the items more closely meet's the users of the financial statements needs. The amount of adjustment necessary under Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations is not determinable at this time.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of **Shortgrass Library Board** in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing Shortgrass Library Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate Shortgrass Library Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing Shortgrass Library Board's financial reporting process.

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Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness
 of the company's internal control.

 Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause Shortgrass Library Board to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Johnston Morrison Hunter & Co. Professional Corporation

Johnston Morrison Hunter & Co. Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountants

Medicine Hat, Alberta March 16, 2022



Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current	404.660	251//2
Cash and cash equivalents	424,660	354,662 24,726
Short-term investments	4,672	14,264
Accounts receivable	42,386	40,766
Goods and services tax receivable Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,770	76,223
	510,488	510,641
Restricted Cash and Investments (Note 3)	982,600	868,532
	1,493,088	1,379,173
Liabilities		
Current	100 505	120 (0)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Unearned revenue (Note 4)	102,705 98,843	120,606 79,435
Total Current Liabilities	201,548	200,041
Commitments (Note 5)		
Fund Transfers (Note 7)		
Net Assets		
Internally Restricted Capital	516,617	512,324
Internally Restricted Contingency	367,140	276,773
Unrestricted	407,783	390,035
	1,291,540	1,179,132
	1,493,088	1,379,173
Approved by the Board		

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Director:

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Internally Restricted Capital	Internally Restricted Contingency	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	512,324	276,773	390,035	1,179,132	987,177
Excess of revenue over expenses	-		112,408	112,408	191,955
Transfers of investment income (Note 7)	1,084	413	(1,497)	-	
Transfer of net funds (Note 7)	3,209	89,954	(93,163)		
Balance, end of year	516,617	367,140	407,783	1,291,540	1,179,132

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Statement of Operations For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Contracts	6,377	11,145
Provincial grants	515,422	515,422
Other grants	10,755	-
Investment income	2,010	11,574
Materials operational levy (Note 6)	107,349	107,349
Member municipalities operational levy	522,146	549,627
Reimbursements	25,345	23,655
	1,189,404	1,218,772
Expenses		
Administrative Expenses, Schedule "B"	230,687	219,703
Tech Services Expenses, Schedule "C"	530,402	519,482
Public Services Expenses, Schedule "D"	194,646	191,855
Reserve fund expenses (Note 9)	18,258	8,509
Building and capital (Note 10)	69,038	71,506
Grants and donations	24,395	16,294
	1,067,426	1,027,349
Income From Operations	121,978	191,423
Other Revenue (Expense)		
Library Materials, Schedule "A"	(24,234)	(13,768)
Temporary wage subsidy	14,664	-
Miscellaneous income		14,300
Museumicous meome	(0.570)	520
	(9,570)	532
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses For The Year	112,408	191,955



Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash Provided By (Used For) The Following Activities		
Cash Flows From Operating Activities Cash received from customers and funders Cash paid to suppliers Cash paid to employees Cash transferred (to) restricted cash	1,650,264 (818,374) (672,550) 	1,712,308 (730,752) (671,752) (100,748)
	179,549	209,056
Cash Flows From Investing Activities Proceeds from disposal of short-term investments Acquisition of investments Proceeds from disposal of investments	24,726 (197,079) 62,802	(49,510)
	(109,551)	(49,510)
Cash and Cash Equivalents Increase	69,998	159,546
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	354,662	195,116
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	424,660	354,662
Cash and Cash Equivalents Consist Of:		
Bank Guaranteed investment certificates Petty cash	300,708 123,047 905	231,638 122,732 292
	424,660	354,662



Schedule of Library Materials Revenues and Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Schedule "A"

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Revenue	418,816	423,556
Expenses		
E-books	48,307	48,307
E-resources	27,664	25,885
Materials	346,538	340,082
Non-materials reimbursements	19,659	14,763
Shipping and handling	882	916
Materials reimbursements		7,371
	443,050	437,324
Net (Loss) For The Year	(24,234)	(13,768)



Administrative Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Schedule "B"

		2020
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Equipment purchase and repair	2,547	1,246
Training	3,620	268
Meetings	5,622	5,730
Dues and memberships	8,750	9,360
Professional fees	19,305	18,952
Insurance - liability	4,481	2,850
Salaries and benefits	173,410	176,694
Stationary, supplies and photocopying	14,368	12,140
Interest and bank charges	1,407	174
Foreign exchange (gain)	(2,823)	(7,711)
	230,687	219,703



Tech Services Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Schedule "C"

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cataloguing tools and software	19,125	19,538
Processing supplies	9,184	6,056
Computer hardware	4,963	2,417
Library management system	58,460	60,462
Salaries and benefits	406,629	410,366
Software/licensing	11,103	4,088
Internet	10,845	9,000
Technology reserve spending	10,093	7,555
	530,402	519,482



Public Services Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

Schedule "D"

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Advertising and promotion	950	1,139
Summer reading programs	7,440	11,188
Programming support	15,392	5,672
Meetings, consultations and training	1,323	924
E-resources	61,267	77,531
Deliveries and inter-library loans	14,781	10,964
Salaries and benefits	93,493	84,437
	194,646	191,855



Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

1. Nature of Operations

The Organization was formed on March 1, 1988. The Organization provides centralized purchasing, cataloguing and distribution services of various library materials to its members. The Organization also provides contract services to third parties.

The Organization is a registered charitable organization under the Income Tax Act and as such is exempt from income taxes and is able to issue donation receipts.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The Organization prepares its financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies used are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The organization's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Term deposits that the entity cannot use for current transactions because they are pledged as security are also excluded from cash and cash equivalents and included with restricted cash.

Capital Assets and Leasing Arrangements

Capital assets are expensed on acquisition and proceeds of disposal are reported as revenue in the year of disposal. Capital assets held include land, building, furniture, equipment, artwork, computers and software, library automation system and vehicles. During the year, computer equipment was purchased for a total cost of \$4,129 (2020 - \$1,363). During the year, no vehicles were disposed (2020 - \$14,300). These amounts are included in the statement of operations and related schedules under various capital or hardware purchases accounts and miscellaneous revenue.

As capital assets are not subject to capitalization, lease arrangements are not evaluated to determine if they are capital in nature. All lease arrangements are expensed as payments become due.

Investments

Investments in market securities are carried at fair value with any changes in fair value recognized in income in the year incurred.

Restricted Cash and Investments

Restricted cash consists of balances held with banks and guaranteed investment certificates and are recorded at amortized cost. Amounts are restricted for future capital asset expenditures and contingencies.

Revenue Recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of revenue recognition. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses have incurred.

Unrestricted contributions and investment income are recognized as revenue when collection has occurred or the collection of the resulting receivable is reasonably assured.



Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Foreign Currency Translation

Foreign denominated monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at current rates of exchange. Unrealized gains or losses on translation of monetary assets and liabilities are included in the determination of income. Foreign denominated non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at historical rates of exchange.

Contributed Materials and Services

Contributed materials and services are recognized in the financial statements when their fair value can be reasonably determined and they are used in the normal course of the Organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

Pension Expense

The Organization participates in the Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP), which is one of the plans covered by the Alberta Public Sector Pension Plans Act. The LAPP serves about 250,000 people and over 420 employers. The LAPP is financed by employer and employee contributions and by investment earnings of the LAPP Fund.

Contributions for current service are recorded as expenditures in the year in which they become due.

The Organization is required to make current service contributions to the LAPP of 9.39% (2020 - 9.39%) of pensionable earnings up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings under the Canadian Pension Plan and 13.84% (2020 - 13.84%) on pensionable earnings above this amount. Employees of the Organization are required to make current services contributions of 8.39% (2020 - 8.39%) of pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable salary and 12.84% (2020 - 12.84%) on pensionable salary above this amount.

Total current service contributions by the Organization to the LAPP in 2021 were \$44,481 (2020 - \$51,291). The current service contributions by the employees of the Organization to the LAPP in 2021 were \$40,135 (2020 - \$46.359).

Internally Restricted Funds

The Organization has internally restricted capital and contingency funds as approved by the Board of Trustees. The Capital Fund is for the purchase of capital items in excess of \$1,000 if necessary. The Contingency Fund is for unexpected expenses that result in over-expenditures in the operating fund.

Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.



Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement of Financial Instruments

The entity initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions.

The entity subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in net income.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Impairment

Financial assets measured at cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. The amount of the write-down is recognized in net income. The previously recognized impairment loss may be reversed to the extent of the improvement, directly or by adjusting the allowance account, provided it is no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized previously. The amount of the reversal is recognized in net income.

Transaction costs

The entity recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption.

3. Restricted Cash and Investments

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	566,939	692,196
Guaranteed investment certificates	415,661	176,336
	982,600	868,532

The Organization holds guaranteed investment securities with values from \$2,250 to \$115,293 (2020 - \$111,309 to \$114,893) and interest rates of 0.21% to 0.70% (2020 - 0.28% to 0.38%) that have been restricted to fund the internally restricted assets.

4. Unearned Revenue

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Member library board materials (Note 6)	98,843	79,435



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5. Commitments

- a) The Organization owns the integrated library system in partnership with Chinook Arch Regional Library System. The Organization has committed to share the annual maintenance costs of the system. The upgrade and maintenance costs for the upcoming year that the Organization will be obligated to pay will be approximately \$34,000. These costs will be paid out of the organization's operating funds. To terminate participating in the contract, the Organization must deliver written notice and explanation on or before December 31 of any year to become effective December 31 of the year immediately following.
- b) The Organization has a lease with Enmax for solar panels. The lease term is for 14 years with the following estimated annual payments over the next five years:

	\$
2022	6,392
2023	6,506
2024	6,622
2025	6,740
2026	6,861

6. Member Library Board Materials

Member library boards pay a materials levy of \$5.080 (2020 - \$5.080) per capita. The Organization retains \$1.00 as part of their operational funds. The remaining \$4.08 (2020 - \$4.08) is utilized by the member libraries in the purchasing of library materials.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Annual materials revenue		
Materials levy	545,333	545,333
Materials overage	(176)	8,442
Current year overspent	1,745	1,329
	546,902	555,104
Transferred to:		
Library material revenue (Schedule A)	(418,816)	(423,556)
Member boards' materials operational levy	(107,349)	(107,349)
Repayment of prior year overspent	(1,329)	(2,604)
	(527,494)	(533,509)
Increase in Deferred Contributions	19,408	21,595
Balance, beginning of year	79,435	57,840
Balance, end of year	98,843	79,435



Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

7. Fund Transfers

- a) Funds were transferred to internally restricted net assets from unrestricted net assets to account for interest earned on marketable securities held to fund internally restricted funds. \$1,084 (2020 \$3,648) was transferred to the internally restricted capital reserve fund and \$413 (2020 \$2,992) was transferred to the internally restricted contingency fund.
- b) There was \$15,717 (2020 \$7,555) of funds used from the internally restricted capital fund and a further \$29,500 (2020 \$8,508) from the internally restricted contingency fund.
- c) The Board internally restricted \$18,926 funds in 2021 (2020 \$69,537) to be used for future capital costs and \$119,454 funds in 2021 (2020 \$69,000) for the contingency reserve fund.

8. Restricted Funds

The following represents the motions made by the Board throughout the year for the spending of restricted funds.

		2021	Budget
		\$	\$
February 17, 2021 June 16, 2021	Humidifier Replacement Member Library Firewalls - 8 Units	5,624 10,093	5,945 10,400
		15,717	16,345

The following represents the motions made by the Board throughout the year for the restriction of funds to its capital and contingency funds.

		Capital	Contingency
		\$	\$
Nov 10, 2021	2022 eBook Reserve from unspent salaries		24,352
Nov 10, 2021	2023 eBook Reserve from unspent salaries	-	24,352
Page assessment Page 18 to 18 page 18	2023 eBook Reserve from 2020 Operational		
Nov 10, 2021	Funds	-	20,000
	2024 eBook Reserve from 2020 Operational		
Nov 10, 2021	Funds	-	20,000
	2021 eBook Reserve from unspent board		
Nov 10, 2021	travel/meeting budget		5,500
	2022 eBook Reserve from unspent member		
Nov 10, 2021	library meetings & driver salaries		22,250
	2024 eBook Reserve from unspent internet		
Nov 10, 2021	expenses		3,000
			119,454



Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

9. Reserve Fund Expenses

10.

The following represents the breakdown of additional expenditures the organization made from its individually created reserve fund accounts that are not otherwise disclosed.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Litigation reserve fund Digital content reserve fund	18,258	1,594 6,915
	18,258	8,509
. Building and Capital		
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Insurance Repairs, maintenance and improvements Utilities	6,276 43,627 19,135	8,407 47,692 15,407
	69,038	71,506

11. Financial Instruments and Risks

The business risks associated with financial instruments are categorized as market (comprised of currency, interest rate, and other price risk), credit and liquidity risks. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant market (comprised of currency risk) and liquidity risks arising from these financial instruments.

However, the Organization is exposed to interest rate, price risks, and credit risks.

a) Market risk

i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market rates of interest. The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk because of its investments being incurred at a fixed rate of interest.



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11. Financial Instruments and Risks (Continued)

ii) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Organization is exposed to price risk because it relies on one supplier for the majority of its products. The Organization has negotiated pricing with the major supplier, which varies between 10% and 15% less than market prices. An increase in negotiated pricing could negatively impact future results. In addition, the inability to fulfill the association's supply requirements could force the Organization to secure alternative suppliers, which could result in pricing that is significantly different from their current negotiated pricing.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Organization is exposed to credit risk in relation to accounts receivable. The association's accounts receivable result from transactions with member libraries and provision of services. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are limited as the Organization performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers. Based on management's evaluation of potential credit losses, the Organization believes there is no requirement for an allowance for doubtful accounts.

12. Comparative Figures

The comparative figures have been reclassified where necessary to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.