

**UPPER PENINSULA REGION OF
LIBRARY COOPERATION, INC.**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
1615 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. (the Cooperation) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperation'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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 entity'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 entity'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.

Board of Trustees of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

We believe that 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 respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cooperation, as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information 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 required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cooperation's basic financial statements. The General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the General Fund – Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Board of Trustees of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 12, 2016, on our consideration of the Cooperation'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 that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 Cooperation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLLC
Certified Public Accountants

February 12, 2016

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.'s financial performance provides an overview of the Cooperation's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net position for the Cooperation as a whole was reported at \$282,783. The net position is comprised of 100% governmental activities. This represents an increase of \$23,205 from prior year when net position was reported at \$259,578.
- During the year, the Cooperation's total expenses were \$372,090, while revenues from all sources totaled \$395,295, resulting in an increase in net position of \$23,205.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities as listed in the table of contents provide information about the activities of the Cooperation as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Cooperation finances.

Reporting the Cooperation as a Whole

One of the most important questions asked about the Cooperation's finances is "Is the Cooperation as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Cooperation as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include *all* assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the Cooperation's *net position* and changes in them. You can think of the Cooperation's net position - the difference between assets/deferred outflows of resources and liabilities/deferred inflows of resources - as one way to measure the Cooperation's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases or decreases* in the Cooperation's net position are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Cooperation's operating base and the condition of the Cooperation's capital assets, to assess the *overall financial health* of the Cooperation.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we report all of the Cooperation's activities as governmental activities. Federal and State grants along with contracted revenues finance most of these activities.

Reporting the Cooperation's Most Significant Funds

The Cooperation only reports one fund which is the General Fund. The fund financial statements are reported in combination with the government-wide financial statements as listed in the table of contents. The General Fund, a governmental fund, is reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

view of the Cooperation's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Cooperation's program.

We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations which follows each of the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities.

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Cooperation's net position as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	2015	2014
Current and other assets	\$297,732	\$272,454
Capital assets, net	21,690	28,254
Total Assets	<u>319,422</u>	<u>300,708</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Current liabilities	18,938	17,956
Noncurrent liabilities	6,903	11,688
Total Liabilities	<u>25,841</u>	<u>29,644</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	10,798	11,486
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	21,690	28,254
Restricted	18,836	17,954
Unrestricted	242,257	213,370
Total Net Position	<u>\$282,783</u>	<u>\$259,578</u>

Net position of the Cooperation's governmental activities stood at \$282,783. Unrestricted net position — the part of net position that could be used to finance day-to-day activities stood at \$242,257.

The \$242,257 in unrestricted net position represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The results of this year's operations for the Cooperation as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities (See Table 2), which shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2015 and 2014.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

**Table 2
Changes in Activities**

	2015	2014
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$393,596	\$366,668
General Revenues:		
Interest earnings	1,198	1,085
Miscellaneous	501	1,530
Total Revenues	<u>395,295</u>	<u>369,283</u>
Program Expenses:		
Library services	372,090	347,149
Total Expenses	<u>372,090</u>	<u>347,149</u>
Change in net position	23,205	22,134
Net position, beginning	259,578	237,444
Net Position, Ending	<u>\$282,783</u>	<u>\$259,578</u>

The Cooperation's total revenues were \$395,295. The total cost of all programs and services was \$372,090 leaving an increase in net position of \$23,205 as a result of fiscal year 2015 operations. This increase in net position was mostly because capital outlay expenditures were less than anticipated. New servers did not have to be purchased since the Cooperation chose a hosted solution (SirsiDynix SaaS) for automated library system data storage. As of September 30, 2015, the Cooperation showed a net increase in fund balances (excess revenues over expenditures) of \$24,984; this total was reduced by depreciation expense \$9,411, increased by capital outlay of \$2,847, and increased by compensated absences of \$4,785, resulting in the increase in net position of \$23,205.

UPPER PENINSULA REGION OF LIBRARY COOPERATION, INC.'S FUNDS

As the Cooperation completed the year, its General Fund, which includes the Cooperation's General Fund for Administration and the Automated Library Services Fund, reported a fund balance of \$267,996 with an increase of \$24,984 from the beginning of the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Cooperation General Fund includes the Automated Library Services Fund, the General Fund for Administration, and Northern Michigan Library Network Administration Fund. Final projected revenues for the Automated Library Services Fund were \$393,720 and final projected expenses were \$437,080, resulting in a projected decrease in the fund balance of \$43,360. Actual results were total revenues of \$390,604 and total expenditures of \$362,830 resulting in revenues exceeding expenditures by \$27,774. Projected revenues and expenditures did include revenues and expenditures for items re-billed to libraries for optional products.

The Cooperation General Fund for Administration projected revenues were \$4,430 and projected expenditures were \$6,850, resulting in a projected decrease in the General Fund Balance for Administration of \$2,420. Actual results were total revenues of \$2,840 and total expenditures of \$4,347 resulting in expenditures exceeding revenues by \$1,507. This was mostly due to lower than anticipated annual meeting costs and a slight increase in membership payments.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

The Cooperation Northern Michigan Library Network Administration Fund projected revenues were \$501 and projected expenditures were \$1,851, resulting in a projected decrease in the Northern Michigan Library Network Administration Fund Balance of \$1,350. Actual results were total revenues of \$501 and total expenditures of \$1,797, resulting in expenditures exceeding revenues by \$1,296.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal 2015, the Cooperation had \$21,690 invested in equipment. (See Table 3 below)

Table 3
Capital Assets at Year-End

	2015	2014
Land	\$-	\$-
Buildings and improvements	-	-
Equipment	143,720	140,873
Total Capital Assets	143,720	140,873
Accumulated depreciation	(122,030)	(112,619)
Capital Assets, Net	\$21,690	\$28,254

During the year the Cooperation purchased a new firewall appliance for \$2,847. Further details on capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Debt

The Cooperation has no outstanding debt at year-end.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

In preparing the budget for next year, the Board anticipates conditions to remain the same for the FY 2015/2016 as they were for FY 2014/2015 with some minor changes.

CONTACTING THE COOPERATION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designated to provide our customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Cooperation's finances and to show the Cooperation's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Cooperation Administrator at Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc., 1615 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, Michigan 49855

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

September 30, 2015

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 292,668	\$ -	\$ 292,668
Due from state	-		
Accounts receivable	5,064	-	5,064
Other current assets	-	-	-
Non-Current Assets:			
Capital assets, net of depreciation	-	21,690	21,690
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>297,732</u>	<u>21,690</u>	<u>319,422</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 297,732</u>		
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 102	-	102
Due to members	18,836	-	18,836
Non-Current Liabilities:			
Accrued paid time off	-	6,903	6,903
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>18,938</u>	<u>6,903</u>	<u>25,841</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>10,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,798</u>
FUND BALANCE			
Restricted:			
Member restricted	18,836	(18,836)	-
Assigned:			
UPRLC Continuing Education	3,025	(3,025)	-
Paid time off	6,903	(6,903)	-
Automated Library Service General	237,670	(237,670)	-
Unassigned:			
UPRLC General	1,562	(1,562)	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	<u>267,996</u>	<u>(267,996)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 297,732</u>		
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets		21,690	21,690
Restricted		18,836	18,836
Unrestricted		242,257	242,257
TOTAL NET POSITION		<u>\$ 282,783</u>	<u>\$ 282,783</u>

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

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2015

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds **\$ 267,996**

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 143,720	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(122,030)</u>	21,690

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are
not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of
accrued personal time off.

(6,903)

NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

\$ 282,783

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

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND
GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

For the year ended September 30, 2015

	General Fund	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES:			
Library services	\$ 367,464	\$ 4,626	\$ 372,090
Capital outlay	2,847	(2,847)	-
Loss on disposal of asset	-	-	-
	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	370,311	1,779	372,090
PROGRAM REVENUES:			
Charges for services	393,596	-	393,596
	393,596	-	393,596
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES	393,596	-	393,596
NET PROGRAM EXPENSE			21,506
GENERAL REVENUES:			
Interest income	1,198	-	1,198
Miscellaneous	501	-	501
	1,699	-	1,699
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	1,699	-	1,699
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	24,984	(24,984)	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		23,205	23,205
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION:			
Beginning of the year	243,012	16,566	259,578
	243,012	16,566	259,578
END OF YEAR	\$ 267,996	\$ 14,787	\$ 282,783

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

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the year ended September 30, 2015

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds **\$ 24,984**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Depreciation expense	\$ (9,411)	
Capital Outlay	2,847	
Loss on Disposal of Assets	<u>-</u>	(6,564)

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

4,785

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities **\$ 23,205**

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

UPPER PENINSULA REGION OF LIBRARY COOPERATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2015

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. (the Cooperation) is a non-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Its purpose and mission is to facilitate the sharing of information resources among its members. The Cooperation's membership consists of school, school/public, public, academic and special libraries throughout the Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan. As all the Cooperation's members are schools or libraries, which utilize governmental financial reporting standards, the Cooperation has elected to present its financial statements under governmental standards as set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The operations of the Cooperation are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. The accounting policies of the Cooperation conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments and the following is a summary of the more significant policies:

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Cooperation adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, which substantially revised the financial statement presentation as described below.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Cooperation as a whole. They include all governmental activities which are generally financed through State sources, charges for services, and other revenues. Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components – net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Cooperation are organized on the basis of funds. The operations of the Cooperation's only fund, the General Fund, are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The General Fund is a governmental fund and it is used to account for all financial resources of the Cooperation.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the governmental activities are presented using the economic resource measurement focus as defined in item (b) below. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

- a. The General Fund governmental fund utilizes a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are generally included on the balance sheet. The operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable resources at the end of the period.
- b. The government-wide statements utilize an “economic resources” measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources whether current or noncurrent, associated with their activities are reported. Government –wide fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures, including capital outlay, are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash and Equivalents – The Cooperation’s cash and cash equivalents as reported in the Statement of Net Position are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less.

Capital Assets – The accounting and reporting treatment applied to capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

In the government-wide financial statements, all capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The Cooperation defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets’ estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Buildings	50 years
Equipment	3 – 20 years

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs is charged to operations as incurred. Renewals and betterments are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related properties.

Deferred Outflows 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 future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Compensated Absences – The Cooperation's policies regarding compensated absences permits employees to accumulate earned but unused personal time off. The liability for these compensated absences is recorded as long-term debt in the government-wide statements. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report only the compensated absence liability payable from expendable available financial resources.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and governmental funds balance sheet will sometimes report 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category:

Deferred inflows of resources are reported in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements for membership money that is received during the current year, but will be used to finance the subsequent year. The General Fund reported membership money that has been received but is unearned of \$10,798 at the end of the fiscal year.

Revenues – In the government-wide Statement of Activities, revenues are segregated by activity and are classified as either program revenue or general revenue. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants for goods or services, operating grants and contributions and capital grants and contributions. General revenues include all revenues, which do not meet the criteria of program revenues and include revenues such as State funding and interest earnings.

In the governmental fund statements, revenues are reported by source, such as federal sources, state sources and charges for services. Revenues consist of general purpose revenues and restricted revenues. General purpose revenues are available to fund any activity reported in that fund, while restricted revenues are available for a specific purpose or activity and the restrictions are typically required by law or a grantor agency. When both general purpose and restricted revenues are available for use, it is the Cooperation's policy to use the restricted resources first.

Expenses/Expenditures – In the government-wide Statement of Activities, expenses are segregated by activity and are classified by function. In the governmental fund statements, expenditures are classified by character such as current operations and capital outlay.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events – Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 12, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B – ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

The Cooperation was formed for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of information resources among the libraries of the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Michigan and to enable them to interact with other regional and national electronic bibliographical communication systems. Memberships at present consist of approximately 102 libraries.

NOTE C – INCOME TAX STATUS:

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled the Cooperation qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is, therefore, not subject to tax under present income tax laws.

NOTE D – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash and Equivalents

The Cooperation's cash and equivalents, as reported in the Statement of Net Position, consisted of the following:

Cash in demand accounts	\$79,888
Cash in savings accounts	212,780
Total	<u>\$292,668</u>

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Cooperation's deposits may not be returned to it. State law does not require and the Cooperation does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. The carrying amount of the Cooperation's deposits with financial institutions was \$292,668 and the bank balance was \$293,156. Of the bank balance, \$293,156 or approximately 100% was covered by federal depository insurance according to FDIC regulations. As of September 30, 2015, \$0 of the Cooperation's bank balance of \$293,156 was exposed to custodial credit risk as being uninsured and uncollateralized. The bank balance is categorized as follows:

NOTE D – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

Amount insured by the FDIC	\$293,156
Amount collateralized	-
Amount uncollateralized and uninsured	-
Total	<u>\$293,156</u>

Investments

As of September 30, 2015, the Cooperation had no investments.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the Cooperation's investments. The Cooperation 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.

NOTE E – CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Balance 9/30/14	Additions	Disposals	Balance 9/30/15
Asset Cost:				
Land	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Buildings and improvements	-	-	-	-
Equipment	140,873	2,847	-	143,720
Total Asset Cost	<u>140,873</u>	<u>2,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,720</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	-	-	-	-
Equipment	(112,619)	(9,411)	-	(122,030)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(112,619)</u>	<u>(9,411)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(122,030)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$28,254</u>	<u>(\$6,564)</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$21,690</u>

Depreciation expense charged to governmental activities was \$9,411.

NOTE F – DUE TO MEMBERS:

Throughout the year and in past years the Cooperation has received money from some of its members that are to be used at the discretion of the member but held by the Cooperation. As of September 30, 2015 monies held on behalf of members is as follows:

Due to L'Anse School Public Library	\$442
Due to Lake Superior State University	3,553
Due to Gladstone School Public Library	500
Due to Spies Public Library	1,932
Due to Menominee County Library	12,268
Due to Gogebic Community College	120
Due to Bay Mills Community College	21
Due to Members at September 30, 2015	<u>\$18,836</u>

The monies held on behalf of members is classified as "restricted" on the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.

NOTE G – ACCRUED PAID TIME OFF:

The entity records on the government-wide Statement of Net Position the accrued liability arising from accumulated vested personal time off leave which is payable to entity employees when they separate from employment. The employees are compensated for personal time off on a scale based on years of service with the Cooperation. The entity's personal time off policy provides for up to one-half of an employee's accumulated personal time off to be paid to the employee if they have worked with the entity for at least 8 years. For employees with less than 8 years of service, personal time off payable upon separation ranges from 10%-40% depending on the number of years employed with the Cooperation. The Cooperation has a management contract with the Superiorland Library Cooperative that includes personnel. The non-current portion of accumulated personal time off payable as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	Balance 9/30/14	Additions	Disposals	Balance 9/30/15	Due within One Year
Paid Time Off:					
Personal time off	\$9,600	\$-	(\$3,854)	\$5,746	\$-
Vacation	2,088	-	(931)	1,157	-
Total Paid Time Off	<u>\$11,688</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>(\$4,785)</u>	<u>\$6,903</u>	<u>\$-</u>

NOTE H – UNEARNED REVENUES:

Certain member libraries participating in the Automated Library System (ALS) are being assessed operational fees. Monies collected in advance are being recorded as deferred inflows of resources (unearned revenues). The purpose of ALS is to facilitate the sharing of information resources among the participating libraries.

Manistique School and Public Library	\$4,353
Bessemer Public Library	1,923
Menominee County Library	<u>4,522</u>
Total	<u>\$10,798</u>

NOTE I – FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

As of September 30, 2015, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Non-spendable — amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted — amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed — amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Cooperative. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees.

Assigned — amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Cooperatives adopted policy, only the Board of Trustees may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned — all other spendable amounts.

NOTE I – FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued):

As of September 30, 2015, fund balances are composed of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Restricted:	
Member restricted - ALS	\$18,836
Assigned:	
Continuing education	3,025
Compensated absences	6,903
Automated Library System	237,670
Unassigned	<u>1,562</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$267,996</u>

The Board of Trustees establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the Board of Trustees through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Cooperation considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Cooperation considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board of Trustees has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

NOTE J – SINGLE AUDIT:

The Cooperative's audited financial statements reported no federal expenditures. As the amount is less than the single audit threshold of \$500,000 an audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 is not required.

NOTE K – NEW GASB STANDARDS:

The following pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been released recently and may be applicable to the Cooperation in the near future. We encourage management to review the following information and determine which standard(s) may be applicable to the Cooperation.

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 66, *2012 Technical Corrections (an Amendment to GASB 10 and GASB 62)*. GASB No. 66 eliminates conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of GASB 54 and GASB 62, which are both already effective. GASB 10 was amended to allow for risk financing activities to be accounted for in whichever fund type is most applicable (no longer limited to the general fund or an internal service fund). GASB 62 was amended to modify specific guidance related to (1) operating leases with scheduled rent increases, (2) purchase of loans at an amount other than the principal amount, and (3) service fees related to mortgages that are sold when the service rate varies significantly from the current (normal) service fees. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2013. The adoption of GASB No. 66 does not have any impact on the Cooperation's financial statements.

NOTE K – NEW GASB STANDARDS (Continued):

Other Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. GASB No. 68 establishes the requirements for pension plans to report on their operations, including setting new uniform requirements for actuarial valuations of the total pension liability, and reporting various 10-year trend data as required supplementary information. The financial statements of pension plans will not change substantially as a result of GASB 68, though the additional note disclosures and required supplementary information will be significant. Additionally, the impact on the net pension liability if the rate changed by 1% in either direction will need to be reported. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. The adoption of GASB No. 68 does not have any financial impact on the Cooperation's financial statements.

In November 2013, the GASB issued Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date (an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68)*. This standard is an amendment to GASB 68, and seeks to clarify implementation issues related to amounts that are deferred and amortized at the time GASB 68 is first adopted. It applies to situations in which the measurement date of an actuarial valuation differs from the government's fiscal year. This Statement is effective at the same time GASB 68 is adopted. The adoption of GASB No. 71 had no impact on the Cooperation's financial statements.

In January 2013, the GASB issued Statement No. 69 *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*. GASB No. 69 provides detailed requirements for the accounting and disclosure of various types of government combinations, such as mergers, acquisitions, and transfers of operations. The guidance available previously was limited to nongovernmental entities, and therefore did not provide practical examples for situations common in government-specific combinations and disposals. The accounting and disclosure requirements for these events vary based on whether a significant payment is made, the continuation or termination of services, and the legal structure of the new or continuing entity. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2013. The adoption of GASB No. 69 does not have any impact on the Cooperation's financial statements.

NOTE L – UPCOMING STANDARDS:

The following pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been released recently and may be applicable to the Cooperation in the near future. We encourage management to review the following information and determine which standard(s) may be applicable to the Cooperation.

GASB 72: Fair Value Measurement and Application

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (Cooperation's fiscal year FY 2016)

This standard addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of *fair value* is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This standard provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. It also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

NOTE L – UPCOMING STANDARDS (Continued):

GASB 73: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension and Related Assets that are not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB 67 and 68
Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (Cooperation's fiscal year 2016)

This standard establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as well as for the assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions. In addition, it establishes requirements for defined contribution pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68. It also amends certain provisions of Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, and Statement 68 for pension plans and pensions that are within their respective scopes.

The requirements of this Statement extend the approach to accounting and financial reporting established in Statement 68 to all pensions, with modifications as necessary to reflect that for accounting and financial reporting purposes, any assets accumulated for pensions that are provided through pension plans that are not administered through trusts that meet the criteria specified in Statement 68 should not be considered pension plan assets. It also requires that information similar to that required by Statement 68 be included in notes to financial statements and required supplementary information by all similarly situated employers and nonemployer contributing entities.

GASB 74: Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans
Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016 (Cooperation's fiscal year 2017)

This standard replaces Statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*. It also includes requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans that replace the requirements for those OPEB plans in Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, as amended, Statement 43, and Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*.

The scope of this Statement includes OPEB plans—defined benefit and defined contribution—administered through trusts that meet certain criteria. It also includes requirements to address financial reporting for assets accumulated for purposes of providing defined benefit OPEB through OPEB plans that are *not* administered through trusts that meet the specified criteria.

GASB 75: Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans
Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017 (Cooperation's fiscal year 2018)

This standard replaces the requirements of Statements No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, for OPEB. Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for OPEB plans.

NOTE L – UPCOMING STANDARDS (Continued):

The scope of this Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for OPEB that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. It establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed.

In addition, this Statement details the recognition and disclosure requirements for employers with payables to defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the specified criteria and for employers whose employees are provided with defined contribution OPEB. This Statement also addresses certain circumstances in which a nonemployer entity provides financial support for OPEB of employees of another entity.

GASB 75 also requires more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information, including 10 years of historical information. The particular accounting and financial reporting requirements and footnote disclosures are dependent upon the type of plan being used (defined benefit, defined contribution, or special funding situations) and whether the OPEB plans are administered through trusts meeting certain criteria.

GASB 76: The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (Cooperation's fiscal year 2016)

This standard supersedes Statement No. 55, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. The objective of this Statement is to identify—in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment—the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The “GAAP hierarchy” consists of the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with GAAP and the framework for selecting those principles. This Statement reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and nonauthoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP.

GASB 77: Tax Abatement Disclosures

Effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 (Cooperation's fiscal year 2017)

This standard requires disclosure of tax abatement information about (1) a reporting government's own tax abatement agreements and (2) those that are entered into by other governments and that reduce the reporting government's tax revenues. This Statement defines a tax abatement as resulting from an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens.

NOTE L – UPCOMING STANDARDS (Continued):

Governments will be required to disclose information about tax abatement agreements including the taxes being abated, the authority under which tax abatements are provided, eligibility criteria, the mechanisms by which taxes are abated, provisions for recapturing abated taxes, and the types of commitments being made by tax abatement recipients. Additionally the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period will have to be disclosed along with any other commitments made by a government, other than to abate taxes, as part of the tax abatement agreement.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

GENERAL FUND

GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

For the year ended September 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:				
Membership	\$ 302,685	\$ 298,220	\$ 298,320	\$ 100
Interest	1,000	1,000	1,198	198
Sale services - re-billed	14,600	98,930	95,276	(3,654)
Communications reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenue	2,150	501	501	-
TOTAL REVENUES	320,435	398,651	395,295	(3,356)
EXPENDITURES:				
Professional and Contractual:				
Management	160,949	153,950	146,745	7,205
Legal	-	-	-	-
Accounting	1,000	1,200	1,200	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Printing and publishing	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	-	750	307	443
Information technology	1,500	700	90	610
Travel	2,000	2,000	1,042	958
Conference, conventions, and meetings	4,500	8,050	6,691	1,359
Insurance	1,400	1,400	1,391	9
Capital outlay	67,000	60,000	2,847	57,153
Other Expenses:				
Repairs and maintenance	118,351	117,200	113,242	3,958
Operating supplies	1,300	550	359	191
Communications	2,050	2,051	1,971	80
Re-billed	14,900	97,930	94,426	3,504
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	374,950	445,781	370,311	75,470
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(54,515)	(47,130)	24,984	72,114
Fund balance, beginning of year	243,012	243,012	243,012	-
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 188,497	\$ 195,882	\$ 267,996	\$ 72,114

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the year ended September 30, 2015

	Assigned			Automated		Unassigned		Totals
	Northern Michigan Library Network	Continuing Education	Paid Time Off	Library Service General	UPRLC General			
REVENUES:								
Membership	\$ -	\$ 1,350	\$ -	\$ 294,130	\$ 2,840	\$ -	\$ 298,320	
Interest	-	-	-	1,198	-	-	1,198	
Sale services - re-billed	-	-	-	95,276	-	-	95,276	
Communications reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous revenue	501	-	-	-	-	-	501	
TOTAL REVENUES	501	1,350	-	390,604	2,840	-	395,295	
EXPENDITURES:								
Professional and Contractual:								
Management	-	-	-	143,223	3,522	-	146,745	
Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Accounting	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Printing and publishing	-	-	-	307	-	-	307	
Office expenses	-	-	-	90	-	-	90	
Information technology	-	-	-	1,042	-	-	1,042	
Travel	-	-	-	5,354	-	-	5,354	
Conference, conventions, and meetings	-	1,337	-	-	-	-	1,337	
Insurance	595	-	-	-	796	-	1,391	
Capital outlay	-	-	-	2,847	-	-	2,847	
Other Expenses:								
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	113,242	-	-	113,242	
Operating supplies	-	-	-	330	29	-	359	
Communications	2	-	-	1,969	-	-	1,971	
Re-billed	-	-	-	94,426	-	-	94,426	
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,797	1,337	-	362,830	4,347	-	370,311	
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,296)	13	-	27,774	(1,507)	-	24,984	

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For the year ended September 30, 2015

	Assigned			Automated		Unassigned		Totals
	Northern Michigan Library Network	Continuing Education	Paid Time Off	Library Service General	UPRLC General			
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in	\$ 1,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,785	\$ 13	\$ 6,094		\$ 6,094
Transfers (out)	-	(13)	(4,785)	(1,296)	-	(6,094)		(6,094)
TOTAL FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	1,296	(13)	(4,785)	3,489	13	-		-
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	(4,785)	31,263	(1,494)	24,984		24,984
Fund balances, beginning of year	-	3,025	11,688	225,243	3,056	243,012		243,012
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ 3,025	\$ 6,903	\$ 256,506	\$ 1,562	\$ 267,996		\$ 267,996

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT 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 of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
1615 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. (the Cooperation), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperation's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 12, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Cooperation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Cooperation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cooperation'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Report to Management letter that we consider to be significant deficiencies item 2015-001.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperation'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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.'s Response to Findings

The Cooperation's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Report to Management Letter. Cooperation's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

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February 12, 2016

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION



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Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
Report to Management Letter
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

To the Board of Trustees of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
1615 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. (the Cooperation) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Cooperation'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 Cooperation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperation's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the following deficiencies in the Cooperation's internal control to be significant deficiencies:

2015-001 SEREGATION OF DUTIES (REPEAT)

Condition/Criteria: The size of the Cooperation's accounting and administrative staff precludes certain internal design controls that would be preferred if the office staff were large enough to provide optimum segregation of duties.

To the Board of Trustees
of the Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.

Cause of Condition: Smaller organizations, due to limited resources, are generally more sensitive to the cost of implementing these design controls and often have compensating controls to partially mitigate this deficiency.

Effect: The segregation of duties is less than optimal due to the size of the organization and could allow for a misstatement to be overlooked by management.

Recommendation: These control deficiencies can be overcome by reviewing major account reconciliations, involvement in certain cycles of operation, and financial oversight of the Cooperation's financial affairs by the Board of Trustees.

Management Response-Corrective Action Plan:

- Contact Person(s) Responsible for Correction:
 - Pam Christensen, Director
- Corrective Action Planned:
 - The Cooperation continues to have the Board of Trustees closely review the monthly activity.
- Anticipated Completion Date:
 - Not applicable

The Cooperation's written response to the significant deficiencies identified in our audit has not been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
Communication with Those Charged with Governance
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

February 12, 2016

To the Board of Trustees of the
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.
1615 Presque Isle Avenue
Marquette, Michigan 49855

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc. (the Cooperation) for the year ended September 30, 2015. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated November 13, 2015. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Cooperation are described in the notes to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Cooperation's financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the accumulated depreciation is based on historical cost and estimated useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accumulated depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Management's estimate of the accrued sick and vacation is based on employee pay rates and the various subsidiary ledgers maintained for hour balances. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accrued employee benefit balances in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 12, 2016.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the Report 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* and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Report to Management that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting (item 2015-001). 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.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the General Fund – Governmental Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget to Actual, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on General Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Cooperation and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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