

**THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
Financial Statements
December 31, 2025 and 2024
With Independent Auditor's Reports**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of
The Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements Opinions

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying governmental fund state of assets, liabilities and reserves and statement of net position - regulatory basis of The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey (the "Library"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related statements of governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in net position and statements of activities - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis governmental fund and statements of net position of the Library as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the regulatory basis statements of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and the statements of activities and the results of its operations and the changes in fund balances/net position for the years then ended in conformity with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Library, as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, or the changes in fund balances/net position for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"), the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Library and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Library on the basis of accounting practices prescribed by the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to meet the financial reporting provisions of the Division. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Library's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Library's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary schedules and information included in the table of contents of this report are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information included in the table of contents of this report 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 supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional 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 other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2026 on our consideration of the Library's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of 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 the Library's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To The Trustees of
The Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey 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 Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey (the "Library") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 20, 2026 on which we expressed an adverse opinion. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Library prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Library's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of the 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 Library's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States in considering the Library's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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Freehold, New Jersey
August 20, 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Governmental Fund Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Assets		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 1,328,641	\$ 1,315,265
Cash - restricted	158,230	142,942
Due from municipality - capital	431,432	401,387
Other receivables	2,003	943
Capital assets	<u>19,522,234</u>	<u>19,593,796</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 21,442,540</u>	 <u>\$ 21,454,333</u>
 Liabilities and Reserves		
Liabilities and reserves		
Reserve for encumbrances	\$ 91,126	\$ 111,120
Security deposit	1,300	1,300
Improvement authorizations - library capital	523,242	526,103
Unearned revenue	19,936	19,868
Accounts payable	28,561	-
Reserve for employee development	<u>69,021</u>	<u>66,207</u>
 Total liabilities and reserves	 <u>\$ 733,186</u>	 <u>\$ 724,598</u>
 Net Position		
Investment in capital assets	\$ 19,522,234	\$ 19,593,796
Unreserved	959,042	919,772
Reserved for capital trust	100,301	100,301
Reserved for grant and dedicated gift expenditures	<u>127,777</u>	<u>115,866</u>
 Total Net Position	 <u>\$ 20,709,354</u>	 <u>\$ 20,729,735</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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Statements of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenues		
Operating fund		
Operating revenues		
Municipal library levy and other contributions	\$ 4,975,094	\$ 4,738,184
State library aid	19,868	16,889
General Revenue	<u>1,185,484</u>	<u>1,257,514</u>
	<u>6,180,446</u>	<u>6,012,587</u>
Special revenues		
Friends and Foundation contribution	192,034	274,710
Grant revenues	54,642	25,890
Designated gifts	<u>155,534</u>	<u>132,504</u>
	<u>402,210</u>	<u>433,104</u>
Total operating fund	<u>\$ 6,582,656</u>	<u>\$ 6,445,691</u>
Capital fund		
Other revenues	<u>716,263</u>	<u>614,084</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 7,298,919</u>	<u>\$ 7,059,775</u>
Expenditures		
Operating fund		
Budget appropriations - operating	<u>6,506,251</u>	<u>6,295,579</u>
Capital fund		
Budget appropriations - capital outlay	<u>716,263</u>	<u>616,826</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 7,222,514</u>	<u>\$ 6,912,405</u>
Excess in revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 76,405</u>	<u>\$ 147,370</u>
Other (debits)/credits to income		
Prior year encumbrances cancelled	(25,224)	20
Adjustment for capital assets acquired/(retired), net	<u>(71,562)</u>	<u>211,428</u>
	(20,381)	358,818
Fund balance		
Beginning of year	<u>20,729,735</u>	<u>20,370,917</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 20,709,354</u>	<u>\$ 20,729,735</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
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Year Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Organization

The Free Public Library of Princeton (the "Library") was established as a municipal library by referendum and incorporated in 1909 (N.J.S.A. 40:54-1 et seq.). The Joint Free Public Library of Princeton Library and Princeton Township was established by referendum and incorporated in 1961 (N.J.S.A. 40:54-29.3 et seq.). The voters of Princeton Library and Princeton Township approved a ballot measure on November 8, 2011, to consolidate their two local governments (N.J.S.A. 40:43-66.59). The merger took effect on January 1, 2013, and the Board of Trustees incorporated on January 1, 2013 as The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey according to the provisions of Chapter 54 of the Laws of the State of New Jersey (Title 40) to exercise the powers and duties granted to it under said statute. The Library is exempt from both federal and state taxes.

There is hereby established and continued a board of trustees of the Princeton Public Library consisting of nine members, one of whom shall be the mayor and one of whom shall be the superintendent of schools. At least four of the regular members shall be residents of Princeton. Of the seven regular appointments initially made, one shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and three for five years. The mayor shall make such appointments upon the consent of the council. The mayor and the superintendent of schools may, respectively, appoint an alternate to act in their stead with authority to attend all meetings of the board and, in their absence, to vote on all questions before the board.

Financial Reporting Entity

An ongoing financial responsibility exists between The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey and Princeton. The Library's continued existence depends on continued funding from the Municipal Library Tax Levy and additional Municipal contributions (See Note 17).

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of The Library have been prepared on a modified accrual basis and in conformity with accounting practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") which differ in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America applicable to government units. Some of these differences may be material. Under this method of accounting, The Library accounts for its financial transactions through the following funds and policies:

Operations Fund - Accounts for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of The Library and comprises the following funds:

Municipal Fund - represents contributions from the Municipal Library Levy Tax, additional contributions from the Municipality and State Aid passed to The Library from Princeton.

General Fund - represents revenues generated by the Library.

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Special Revenue Funds - accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditure for a specific purpose.

Capital Projects Fund - accounts for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other Library capital expenditures. Revenues associated with capital projects are recorded when expenditures are incurred.

Trust and Agency Funds - accounts for assets held by The Library in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals and other government agencies.

Revenues - recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts which may be due from Municipal Library Levy Tax, additional contributions from the Municipality, the State of New Jersey or other grantor agencies.

Expenditures - recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are shown as reserve for encumbrances in the financial statements.

Appropriation Reserves - Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at year-end and recorded as liabilities except for amounts which have been cancelled by the Board of Trustees. Appropriation reserves are available until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") do not provide for the reservation of unexpended budget appropriations.

Encumbrances - Contractual orders, at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of encumbrances payable. Under GAAP, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balance because they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

Insurance - Insurance costs for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of payment. Insurance costs chargeable to future periods are not carried as prepayments.

Capital Assets - recorded in a capital asset accounting and reporting system maintained by The Library for fixed assets. All capital assets owned as of December 31, 1985 are to be valued at cost, estimated historical cost or any other reasonable basis. For all general fixed assets acquired beginning January 1, 1986, the required basis for valuation is actual cost. No depreciation has been provided on fixed assets on The Library's records. Construction in progress is reported in the period expenditures are incurred.

Inventories of Supplies - The costs of inventories of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the balance sheet and statement of net position.

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Pension Liability and Reporting - New Jersey municipalities and counties do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording the net pension liability or related deferred outflows or inflows of resources on their balance sheets or related plan pension expense. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)(2), the Library disclosed its proportionate share of the State of New Jersey net pension liability in the notes to the

financial statements, as well as its related pension expense and other disclosures in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, An Amendment of GASB No. 27* (see Note 5).

OPEB Liability and Reporting - New Jersey municipalities and counties do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording the net other postemployment benefit ("OPEB") liability or related deferred outflows or inflows of resources on their balance sheets or related plan OPEB expense. However, in accordance with

N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.1(c)(2), The Library disclosed its proportionate share of the State of New Jersey net pension liability in the notes to the financial statements, as well as its related pension expense and other disclosures in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* (see Note 5).

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed by the Division requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reports, amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budget

An annual budget is adopted and integrated into the accounting system to provide budgetary control over revenues and expenditures. Budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements are those adopted by The Library Board of Trustees.

2. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for donated services because the criteria for recognition under the basis of accounting described elsewhere in these financial statements have not been satisfied. The Library pays for most services requiring specific expertise. However, a number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of their time to The Library's programs. The estimated value of donated services for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$145,677 and \$119,191, respectively.

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3. DEPOSITS

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposit of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5% of the average daily balance of public funds; or if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000. The State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund is authorized by statute and regulations of the State Investment Council to invest in fixed income and debt securities which mature within one year. Collateralization of fund investments is generally not required.

The cash on deposit is deposited in public depositories which are fully insured up to \$250,000 per institution by the FDIC and in excess of \$250,000 are fully collateralized by the bank through the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), N.J.S.A. 17:9-41, et seq. The State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan account is neither covered by the FDIC nor protected by GUDPA but is considered an acceptable investment by the State of New Jersey. Cash as determined by The Library's Board of Trustees consists of all bank accounts, including certificates of deposit.

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, the carrying amounts of the Library's deposits were \$1,575,379 and \$1,542,360, respectively, and the book balances were \$1,486,871 and \$1,458,207 respectively.

The cash deposits held at financial institutions as of December 31, 2025 can be categorized according to three levels of risk as described below:

Category 1	Deposits which are covered by FDIC, or collateralized by securities held by the Library or its agent, in the Library's name	\$1,506,358
Category 2	Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department, or agent in the Library's name	\$ None
Category 3	Deposits which are not collateralized or insured	\$69,021
		<u>\$1,575,379</u>

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Investments

New Jersey statutes establish the following securities as eligible for the investment of Library funds:

- (a) Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- (b) Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Associates or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than 12 months from the date of purchase.
- (c) Bonds or other obligations of the Library or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which The Library is a part or within which the school district is located.
- (d) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 12 months from the date of purchase, which are approved by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Investments.
- (e) Qualified mutual funds with portfolios limited to (i) bonds or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America; and (ii) repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations. These investments must be transacted only through national or state banks located within New Jersey.

During the year, The Library had none of its idle funds invested in repurchase agreements collateralized by eligible securities. At the close of the year, no such investments were held by The Library.

Unrestricted and restricted cash on deposit consisted of the following at December 31:

	<u>2025</u>
Petty Cash	\$ 300
Bank money market account	286,808
Other bank accounts - interest bearing	1,217,750
Citi Fund Services - New Jersey State cash management account	69,021
Gift and debt card fund	<u>1,500</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,575,379</u></u>

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The current year changes in capital assets are summarized as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2025	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2025
Land	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
Building and improvements	13,606,321	61,023	13,545,298
Machinery and equipment	4,487,475	10,539	4,476,936
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 19,593,796</u>	<u>\$ 71,562</u>	<u>\$ 19,522,234</u>

Depreciation is not recorded in Capital Assets since it is not required under the OCBOA basis of accounting (See Note 1). If depreciation were required, the adjustment could significantly alter the net position invested in Capital Assets.

5. PENSION PLAN

Employees of The Library that are eligible, participate in the State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"). PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). For additional information about PERS, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR"), which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financialr-reports.shtml.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier Definition

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service

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credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 and 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Employer and Employee Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State of New Jersey (the "State"). The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability.

The local employer's contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

Description of System

Substantially all of the Library's full-time employees participate in one of the following contributory defined benefit public employee retirement systems which have been established by State statute: the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Police and Firemen's Pension Fund (PFRS).

Public Employees' Retirement System

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after twenty-five (25) years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

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The Library's contributions to the plan for the past three (3) years are as follows:

	PERS		
	2025	2024	2023
Covered Payroll	\$ 2,568,293	\$ 2,447,075	\$ 2,370,289
Actuarial Employer Contribution	395,285	435,920	396,832
Percent of Covered Payroll	15.39 %	17.81 %	18.39 %
Employee's Share	192,622	183,531	177,772
Percent of Covered Payroll	7.50 %	7.50 %	7.50 %

Pension (PERS) Accrual

The Library is required to report on its financial statements on an "Other Comprehensive Basis of Accounting" (OCBOA) Regulatory Basis, which does not require an accrual for its obligations inclusive of pension. If The Library were required to reflect the obligation under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) then an accrual for the PERS obligation would be needed in the amount of \$4,934,865 since the obligation relates to the period December 31, 2025 and prior. The accrual (under GAAP) would affect the fund balance at year end.

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

The information for PERS was abstracted from State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System Schedules of Employer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer as of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024 Independent Auditor's Report dated June 15, 2026 and June 11, 2025, respectively.

The Library's reported liability of \$3,482,763 and \$3,947,234 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability at December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024 respectively. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2024, which were roll forward. The Library's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of The Library's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined.

	June 30, (Measurement Date)	
	2025	2024
Local Group Share	\$ 12,402,749,906	\$ 13,702,423,985
Library Proportionate Percentage	0.0283182520 %	0.0290493168 %
Difference - Decrease	(0.0007310648) %	

For the year ended December 31, 2025, The Library's recognizable pension benefit was \$532,542. At December 31, 2025, The Library reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in assumptions	\$ 550	\$ 40,125
Net difference between expected and actual experience	99,300	3,722
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investment	-	290,416
Changes in proportion	85,324	421,580
Accounts Payable	387,018	-
Total	<u>\$ 572,192</u>	<u>\$ 755,843</u>

The \$387,018 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from entities contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for The Library year ending December 31, 2025, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2025) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the Library year ended December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense based on local share is as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$ 152,034
2027	(327,766)
2028	(252,924)
2029	(148,052)
2030	1,038.52

Additional Information

Collective local Group employers' balances are as follows:

	<u>[Measurement Date]</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,093,964,592	\$ 1,079,580,780
Collective deferred inflows of resources	1,921,744,319	1,611,322,898
Collective net pension liability	12,404,749,906	13,702,423,985
Collective net pension expense/(benefit)	435,736,779	372,160,096
Library's proportion (of Local Group)	0.0283182520 %	0.0290493168 %

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Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2025 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024, which rolled forward to June 30, 2025. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions:

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases	3.25% - 7.75% <i>[Based on years of service]</i>
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

Mortality Rates

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2016 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 86.3% adjustment for males and 97.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2016 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2016 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 93.3% adjustment for males and 99.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2016 on a generational basis.

Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2016 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 156.9% adjustment for males and 139.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00 %	8.55 %
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75	8.77
International Small Cap Equity	1.25	8.77
Emerging Market Equities	5.50	10.30
Private Equity	13.00	12.00
Real Assets	8.00	10.78
Real Estate	3.00	7.90
High Yield	4.50	6.63
Private Credit	8.00	9.00
Investment Grade Credit	7.00	5.47
Cash Equivalents	2.00	3.61
U.S. Treasuries	4.00	3.61
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00	7.26
	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2025. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State of employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on these assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of The Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of (*measurement dates*) June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2024, respectively, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1 -percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

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June 30, 2025 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]			
	1% Decrease	At Current	1% Increase
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>7.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>
Library's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$ 4,767,695	\$ 3,482,763	\$ 2,387,660

June 30, 2024 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]			
	1% Decrease	At Current	1% Increase
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>7.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>
Library's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$ 5,244,904	\$ 3,947,234	\$ 2,842,924

Special Funding Situation – PERS

A special funding situation exists for certain Local employers of the Public Employees' Retirement System. The State, as a nonemployer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by local employers under Chapter 133, P.L.2001 and Chapter 133, P.L.2001. The June 30, 2025 State special funding situation net position liability amount of \$106.10 million is the accumulated determined State obligation under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The special funding situation for Chapter 133, P.L.2001 is due to the State paying the additional normal cost related to benefit improvements from Chapter 133. Previously, this additional normal cost was paid from the Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF). As of June 30, 2025, there is no net pension liability associated with this special funding situation there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The State special funding situation pension expense of \$51.5 million, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, is the actuarially determined contribution amount that the State owes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The pension expense is deemed to be a State administrative expense due to the special funding situation.

Under N.J.S.A.43:15A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed that legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation, which legally obligates the State, are Chapter 366, P.L.2001 and Chapter 133, P.L.2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under the legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under the legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to the legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension

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liability that is associated with the local participating employer. In addition, each local participating employer must recognize pension expense associated with the employers as well as revenue in an amount equal to the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective pension expense associated with the local participating employer.

The Library has the following attributed to it related to the Special Funding Situation:

<u>December 31,</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>Percent of</u>	<u>Employer's Pension Expense</u>	
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Total State</u>	<u>and Related Revenues</u>	
		<u>Liability</u>	<u>State Total</u>	<u>Library Share</u>
2025	1	0.028318252 %	\$ 42,025,669	\$ 11,966
2024	1	0.029183527	43,606,492	12,726
2023	1	0.032740037	45,000,471	14,733

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) or by visiting their website at:
www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description – NJSHBP

As of the date of this report the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits has not yet released the GASB#75 Other Post-Employment Benefits Allocation by Employer Report, which would have been as of June 30, 2025. The State of New Jersey Local Finance Board has permitted that the data need not be included for those local government entities that do not report the financial statement under the GASB/GAAP method. In the past the data was included merely for disclosure (*informational purposes*) in the Notes to Financial Statements. The lack of data does not District the fund balances of the various funds as presented in the report under the regulation (OCBOA) basis.

The NJSHBP as of July 1, 2023 had statewide for the local employee groups of 60,691 active and 28,899 retired for a total of 99,590 members. The Library at December 31, 2025 had twenty seven (27) active and thirteen (13) retired employees for a total participation of forty (40).

Funding Policy – The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the state legislature. Participating local government units are contractually required to contribute at a rate assessed each year by the NJSHBP. The NJSHB Commission sets the employer contribution rate based on the annual required contribution of the employers (ARC) as established in an annual rate recommendation report.

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The NJSHBP issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the NJSHBP and the actuarial valuation. Those reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits, 50 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0299 or on the State of New Jersey website.

Funding Policy

Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Post-retirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial basis. The NJSHB Commission sets the employer contribution rate based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employers as established in an annual rate recommendation report.

Contributions to pay for the health premiums of participating retirees in the NJSHBP are billed to the Library on a monthly basis. The number of employees covered and approximate cost for the past three years were as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Employer's Cost</u>
2025	13	\$ 89,131
2024	13	80,890
2023	13	71,254

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information about the Plan, refer to the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The information presented was abstracted from the State of New Jersey State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan for June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 measurement date from the Independent Auditor's Reports dated September 26, 2025 and July 31, 2024.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission, Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees.

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Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: (1) retired on a disability pension; or (2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or (3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or (4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

The portion of the OPEB Liability that was associated with The Library recognized is as follows:

June 30, [Measurement Date]	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$ 9,421,487.00	\$ 8,554,178.00

The proportion of the PERS Net OPEB Liability associated with The Library's liability is as follows:

June 30, [Measurement Date]	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
0.0526180 %	0.0570030 %

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Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in.

This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	2.75%
Salary increases *:	
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)	2.75% to 6.55%*
*Based on Years of Service	
Mortality:	Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully
PERS	generational mortality improvement projections from the central year
	using Scale MP-2020

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of the PERS experience studies prepared July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, respectively.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.75% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after nine (9) years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is increasing to 22.62% in fiscal year 2027 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2034. For HMO, the trend is increasing to 23.58% in fiscal year 2027 and decreases to 4.5% in fiscal year 2034. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 12.75% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after nine (9) years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023 was 3.93% and 3.65%, respectively. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the collective net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

June 30, 2024 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]		
At 1% Decrease 2.93%	At Discount Rate 3.93%	At 1% Increase 4.93%
\$ 10,975,017	\$ 9,421,487	\$ 7,968,655

June 30, 2023 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]		
At 1% Decrease 2.65%	At Discount Rate 3.65%	At 1% Increase 4.65%
\$ 9,908,465	\$ 8,554,178	\$ 7,464,863

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following represents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

Healthcare Cost June 30, 2024 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]		
1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
\$ 7,968,655	\$ 9,421,487	\$ 11,289,421

June 30, 2023 [<i>Measurement Date</i>]		
1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
\$ 7,270,045	\$ 8,554,178	\$ 10,198,261

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, The Library recognized OPEB benefit of \$278,128 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

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The following table illustrates the Deferred Inflows and Outflows as of June 30, 2024 under GASB 75 prior to any reduction due to the fiscal year 2024 amortizations.

	<u>Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows</u>
Net Difference between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	\$ 477,132	\$ 1,596,324
Difference between Expected and Actual Expenses		4,265
Changes in Assumptions	1,575,094	1,563,907
Changes in Proportion	<u>1,789,065</u>	<u>1,689,051</u>
Sub-total	<u>\$ 3,841,291</u>	<u>\$ 4,853,547</u>

Amount recognized in the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Measurement Period Ending June 30,</u>	
2025	(538,234)
2026	(231,725)
2027	(39,821)
2028	(21,298)
2029	(135,255)
Total Thereafter	145,077

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued "Local Employees" financial report.

Additional Information

Collective balances of the Local Retirement Group are as follows:

	<u>June 30, [Measurement Date]</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 9,862,097,951	\$ 9,133,524,491
Deferred inflows of resources	11,975,956,585	14,817,220,551
Net OPEB liability	17,905,445,505	15,006,539,477
Total OPEB Expense / (Benefit)	(208,667,483)	463,888,525
Library proportionate percentage	0.052618 %	0.057003 %

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Shown below are details regarding the Total OPEB Liability for the measurement period:

	<u>[Measurement Date]</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>	
Balance as of June 30,	\$ 14,889,576,786	\$ 16,090,925,144
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:		
Service Cost	\$ 545,086,159	\$ 597,135,801
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	554,448,470	581,375,849
Changes of Benefit Terms	107,670,542	23,039,435
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	408,491,660	(2,123,324,632)
Changes of Assumptions	1,735,990,164	255,103,873
Gross Benefit Payments	(557,363,143)	(597,093,300)
Contributions from the Employee	64,356,910	62,414,616
Net Changes	\$ 2,858,680,762	\$ (1,201,348,358)
Balance as of June 30	<u>\$ 17,748,257,548</u>	<u>\$ 14,889,576,786</u>

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.65% in 2023 to 3.93% in 2024. The component of the Net OPEB Liability is as follows:

	<u>Measurement Date</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 17,748,257,548	\$ 14,889,576,786
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(157,187,957)</u>	<u>(116,952,691)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 17,905,445,505</u>	<u>\$ 15,006,529,477</u>
Net Position		
as a Percentage of OPEB Liability	-0.89%	-0.79%
OPEB Expense	(208,667,483)	\$ (463,888,575)
Special Funding Situation	4,876,644,957	3,489,093,208
Nonspecial Funding Situation	<u>13,028,800,548</u>	<u>11,517,446,289</u>
	<u>\$ 17,905,445,505</u>	<u>\$ 15,006,539,497</u>

The Library is required to report on its financial statements on an "Other Comprehensive Basis

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of Accounting” (OCBOA) Regulatory Basis, which does not require an accrual for certain of its obligations inclusive of pension. If the Library were required to reflect the obligation under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) then an accrual for the PERS obligation due would be needed in the amount of \$10,433,744 since the obligation relates to the period December 31, 2024 and prior. The accrual (under GAAP) would affect the fund balance at year end.

7. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (“DCRP”) was established on July 1, 2007, for certain public employees under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103 P.L. 2007, and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 1, P.L. 2010. DCRP provides eligible members, with a minimum annual salary of \$5,000, with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, in addition to life insurance and disability coverage. The Defined Contribution Retirement Program Board oversees the DCRP, which is administered by Prudential Financial.

The retirement program is a pension system where the value of the pension is based on the amount of the contribution made by the employee and employer and through investment earnings. Eligible individuals include employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007 who earn salary in excess of established “maximum compensation” limits.

Enrolled members contribute 5.5% of their base salary to a tax-deferred investment account established with Prudential Financial which administers the DCRP for the Division of Pensions and Benefits. The Library is required to contribute 3% of the member’s base salary at the time the member’s contribution is submitted to Prudential Financial. The total DCRP covered payroll was \$665,172 and \$527,540, respectively. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by The Library to active employees covered by the Plan. Employee contributions to DCRP for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 were \$36,584 and \$29,015, respectively. The Library’s required contribution to DCRP for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was \$19,955 and \$15,826, respectively.

8. DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Library offers its eligible employees the opportunity to contribute pretax contributions, through salary reductions, to a 403(b)(7) custodial account or a tax-sheltered annuity. The plan is administered by The Library and participation is voluntary. Contributions to these plans are not matched by The Library.

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9. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Vacation

Library employees are entitled to paid vacation leave each year. A maximum of one week of unused vacation pay may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Approval is granted for additional time on an individual basis. The liability for compensated absences as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 is \$41,395 and \$40,246 for vacation time, respectively.

Sick Pay

Library employees are entitled to accrue sick pay. The Library does not accrue on its financial statements the liability for unused sick pay. The amount outstanding based on the number of hours accrued at the hourly rate for all employees is \$547,718. The amount due is the gross liability and the likelihood of it becoming due and owing is remote since there are statutory limits regarding unused sick time. The amount could vary year to year based on utilization, termination and/or retirements.

10. EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

The Library holds a dedicated trust fund to support the skills development, education and compensation of current active employees. The Reserve for employee development was \$69,021 and \$66,209 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, in the Governmental Net Position Sheets and Statements of Net Position - Regulatory Basis.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey is a government entity authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:54-1. The Library receives substantial support from a Municipal Library Levy Tax and the Municipality of Princeton, New Jersey.

The Library board appoints the board of the Friends and Foundation of the Princeton Public Library, Inc. (the "Foundation"). The Library also provides the Friends and Foundation with management and fundraising services including accounting, supervisory and administrative services. The value of these services was estimated by management to be \$172,710 and \$136,660 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, of which \$83,876 and \$67,023 was reimbursed back to The Library, respectively.

The Foundation provides for an annual distribution from its endowment to The Library. Included within this distribution are amounts which are accumulated within the endowment restricted for specific purposes and a general unrestricted distribution. The Foundation made distributions to The Library of unrestricted funds amounting to \$473,199 and \$464,905 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Foundation made distributions to The Library of restricted funds amounting to \$288,390 and \$240,337 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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The Foundation acts as a custodian to pass certain gifts and grants designated to The Library annual appeal and other causes. Gifts and grants which were passed through the Foundation to The Library amounted to approximately \$39,150 and \$106,408 the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Foundation also authorizes a donation to The Library based on book sales made. Total distributions were \$188,565 and \$267,800 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

12. CONCENTRATIONS

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, approximately 76% and 73%, respectively, of revenue is municipal support.

13. RENTAL ACTIVITY

The Library rents a portion of its building under a lease agreement, that has been renewed for a one-year term, expiring February 28, 2027. The lease calls for monthly payments which represent a percentage of the revenue generated by the lessee's sales or a minimum flat rate. Expected amounts to be received in future periods are as follows: 2026 - \$16,600 and 2027 - \$2,800.

14. COPY MACHINE LEASE

The Library entered into a copy machine lease on October 25, 2021 for a term of 66 months at a rate of \$592 per month. The lease expires on September 25, 2026. The remaining annual payments are as follows

2026	\$5,328
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15. OTHER COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Library is subject to legal proceedings and claims which arise in the ordinary course of business and has insurance coverage to cover such claims up to a specific limit. Management does not believe that the outcome of any outstanding matters or claims will have a material adverse effect on the financial position or operating results.

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16. MUNICIPAL LIBRARY TAX LEVY

N.J.S.A 40A:54-8 requires that the municipality governed by this status shall annually raise an amount through a separate tax levy equive to one-third of a mil on every dollar of assessable property within such municipality based on the equalized valuation of such property as certified by the Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasurer for the proper maintenance of a public library. As part of the 2025 Municipal Library Tax, the Borough of Princeton raised \$3,578,504 for the "Maintenance of Public Library". This amount met or exceeded the required funding under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 54-8 as limited by N.J.S.A. 40A:54-8.1.

Three (3) Year Trend of Funding and Tax Rate

	Applicable Equalized <u>Valuation</u>	Library <u>Tax</u>	Library Tax Assessed Valuation <u>per \$100</u>	Additional Municipal <u>Appropriation</u>
2025	\$ 10,727,963,759	\$ 3,578,504	\$ 0.050	\$ 1,396,590
2024	10,086,302,159	3,364,855	0.047	1,373,329
2023	9,341,543,866	3,116,634	0.044	1,395,921

17. RISK MANAGEMENT

For the year ending December 31, 2025, the Fund provided the following types of coverages: Auto, General Liability, Workmen's Compensation, Property, Public Officials Liability, Boiler and Public Official Surety/Dishonesty coverage.

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Library has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the balance sheet and statement of net position date through August 20, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, The Library had no subsequent events which required adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of the Library's Contributions - PERS
Public Employees' Retirement System
Year Ended December 31, 2025

The Library's contractually and statutorily required employer contributions for each of the past nine (9) years * are as follows

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 387,018	\$ 395,280	435,925	\$ 396,832	\$ 371,523	\$ 333,193	\$ 330,655	\$ 337,830	\$ 300,562	\$ 274,934
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(387,018)</u>	<u>(395,280)</u>	<u>(435,925)</u>	<u>(396,832)</u>	<u>(371,523)</u>	<u>(333,193)</u>	<u>(330,655)</u>	<u>(337,830)</u>	<u>(300,562)</u>	<u>(274,934)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Library's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,568,293	\$ 2,447,075	\$ 2,370,289	\$ 2,334,834	\$ 2,281,490	\$ 2,350,115	\$ 2,191,556	\$ 2,300,753	\$ 2,348,781	\$ 2,205,121
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	15.07%	16.15%	18.39%	17.00%	16.28%	14.18%	15.09%	14.68%	12.80%	12.47%

*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for ten (10) years. However, until a full ten (10)-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years in which information is available.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Library's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - PERS
Public Employees' Retirement System
Year Ended December 31, 2025

The Library's proportion (Amount and percentage) of the collective net pension liability and the Library's proportionate share of the collective net position liability as a percentage of covered payroll as of the measurement date (June 30) for the previous ten (10) years* is as follows:

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Library's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (PERS Local Group)	2.831825%	2.904932%	0.032343%	0.031204%	0.031389%	0.030220%	0.033488%	0.033636%	0.031412%	0.030504%
Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability (PERS Local Group)	\$ 3,482,763	\$ 3,947,234	\$ 4,724,248	\$ 4,749,019	\$ 3,758,164	\$ 4,966,856	\$ 6,075,920	\$ 6,621,780	\$ 7,312,145	\$ 9,034,271
Library's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,568,293	\$ 2,447,075	\$ 2,370,289	\$ 2,334,834	\$ 2,281,490	\$ 2,350,115	\$ 2,191,556	\$ 2,300,753	\$ 2,348,781	\$ 2,205,121
Library's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	135.61%	161.30%	199.31%	203.40%	164.72%	211.35%	288.24%	287.81%	311.32%	409.70%

*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for nine (9) years. However, until a full ten (10)-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years in which information is available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Benefit Changes

None

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate changed as follows as of June 30:

7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	6.28%	5.66%	5.00%	3.98%
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The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of the Library's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability -
State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (SHBP)
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Library's proportion (percentage) of the collective net OPEB liability	Not Available	0.052618%	0.057003%	0.050821%	0.049266%	0.054703%	0.047393%
Library's proportionate share (amount) of the collective net OPEB liability	Not Available	\$ 9,421,487	\$ 8,554,178	\$ 8,207,386	\$ 8,867,772	\$ 9,817,336	\$ 6,419,889
Library's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,568,293	\$ 2,447,075	\$ 2,370,289	\$ 2,334,834	\$ 2,281,490	\$ 2,350,115	\$ 2,191,556
Library's proportionate share (amount) of the collective net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	N/A	385.01%	360.89%	351.52%	388.68%	417.74%	292.94%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total collective OPEB liability	N/A	0.89%	0.79%	0.87%	0.28%	0.91%	1.98%

Note: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for ten (10) years. However, until a full ten (10)-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Benefit Changes

None

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate changed as follows as of June 30:	N/A	3.93%	3.65%	3.54%	2.16%	2.21%	3.50%
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The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of the Library's OPEB Contributions -
State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (SHBP)
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Library's required contribution	Not Available	\$ 80,890	71,254	\$ 57,088	\$ 46,444	41,805	\$ 45,800
Library's contributions in relation to required contribution	<u>-</u>	<u>(80,890)</u>	<u>(71,254)</u>	<u>(57,088)</u>	<u>(46,444)</u>	<u>(41,805)</u>	<u>(45,800)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Library's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,568,293	\$ 2,447,075	\$ 2,370,289	\$ 2,334,834	\$ 2,281,490	\$ 2,350,115	\$ 2,191,556
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	3.31%	3.01%	2.45%	2.04%	1.78%	2.09%

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Revenues Compared to Budget
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budget			
	Original	Revised	Actual	Variance
Operating Budget				
Current revenues				
Municipal library tax levy	\$ 3,578,504	\$ 3,578,504	\$ 3,578,504	\$ -
Municipal additional appropriation	1,396,590	1,396,590	1,396,590	-
State library aid	19,868	19,868	19,868	-
	<u>4,994,962</u>	<u>4,994,962</u>	<u>4,994,962</u>	<u>-</u>
General fund revenue				
Fines/fees	161,578	161,578	160,320	(1,258)
Interest earned	50	50	848	798
Saleable/taxable items	7,000	7,000	10,629	3,629
Meeting room charge	45,000	45,000	55,734	10,734
Endowment - unrestricted	350,000	350,000	373,773	23,773
Donations - unrestricted	473,197	473,197	473,199	2
Donations - restricted	89,300	89,300	89,409	109
Café income	16,000	16,000	21,468	5,468
Other	1,000	1,000	104	(896)
Total General fund revenue	<u>1,143,125</u>	<u>1,143,125</u>	<u>1,185,484</u>	<u>42,359</u>
 Total operating revenues	<u>6,138,087</u>	<u>6,138,087</u>	<u>6,180,446</u>	<u>42,359</u>
 Special revenues				
Friends and Foundation Contribution	185,000	185,000	192,034	7,034
Endowment - restricted			210,176	210,176
Total special revenues	<u>185,000</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>402,210</u>	<u>217,210</u>
 Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 6,323,087</u>	<u>\$ 6,323,087</u>	<u>\$ 6,582,656</u>	<u>\$ 259,569</u>
	Carryover at December 31, 2024	Approved Budget 2025	Total Budget Available 2025	Actual 2025
Capital Budget				
Current revenues				
Municipal revenue	\$ 526,102	\$ 464,403	\$ 990,505	\$ 623,543
Library capital revenue	90,724	322,255	412,979	92,720
	<u>\$ 616,826</u>	<u>\$ 786,658</u>	<u>\$ 1,403,484</u>	<u>\$ 716,263</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Expenditures Compared to Budget
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budget		Paid or Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
	Original	Revised			
Operating Fund					
Municipal Fund					
Salaries and benefits					
Salaries	3,312,554	\$ 3,312,554	\$ 3,312,270	\$ 284	\$ -
Payroll taxes and disability	260,717	260,717	260,695	22	-
Pension	411,140	411,140	411,140	-	-
Health benefits	755,003	755,003	755,003	-	-
	<u>4,739,414</u>	<u>4,739,414</u>	<u>4,739,108</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>
Other expenses					
Equipment and furniture	21,593	21,593	20,593	1,000	-
Building and grounds	233,954	233,954	227,684	6,270	-
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total municipal fund	<u>4,994,961</u>	<u>4,994,961</u>	<u>4,987,385</u>	<u>7,576</u>	<u>-</u>
General Fund					
Salaries and benefits	27,868	27,868	27,868	-	-
Payroll Taxes & Disability	2,132	2,132	2,132	-	-
Library materials	254,132	254,132	249,095	5,037	-
Administrative expenses	70,435	70,435	61,435	9,000	-
General operating	207,646	207,646	206,035	1,611	-
Building and grounds	389,540	389,540	389,540	-	-
Equipment and furniture	3,000	3,000	2,642	358	-
Technology	207,211	207,211	198,061	9,150	-
	<u>1,134,096</u>	<u>1,134,096</u>	<u>1,108,940</u>	<u>25,156</u>	<u>-</u>
Total general fund	<u>1,161,964</u>	<u>1,161,964</u>	<u>1,136,808</u>	<u>25,156</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating fund	<u>6,156,925</u>	<u>6,156,925</u>	<u>6,124,193</u>	<u>32,732</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Revenue Funds					
Community Contribution				-	-
Other expenses				-	-
Library materials	185,000	185,000	183,793	1,207	-
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Other special revenue funds					
Salaries and benefits					
Salaries		93,592	71,884	21,708	-
Payroll taxes and disability		3,849	3,234	615	-
Pension		5,000	5,000	-	-
Health benefits	-	4,500	3,000	1,500	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>106,941</u>	<u>83,118</u>	<u>23,823</u>	<u>-</u>
Other expenses					
Library materials		58,867	41,359	17,508	-
Administrative expenses		5,267	251	5,016	-
General operating		109,358	43,299	66,059	-
Equipment		6,860	6,560	300	-
Technology	-	39,210	23,678	15,532	-
Total other expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>219,562</u>	<u>115,147</u>	<u>104,415</u>	<u>-</u>
Total special revenue funds	<u>185,000</u>	<u>511,503</u>	<u>382,058</u>	<u>129,445</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating and special revenue funds	<u>\$ 6,341,925</u>	<u>\$ 6,668,428</u>	<u>\$ 6,506,251</u>	<u>\$ 162,177</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Capital Budget		Budget	Actual	Variance	
Capital expenditures		\$ 990,505	\$ 623,543	\$ (366,962)	
Municipal expenditures *		412,979	92,720	(320,259)	
Library capital expenditures *		<u>\$ 1,403,484</u>	<u>\$ 716,263</u>	<u>\$ (687,221)</u>	

* Capital budget includes current year budget plus prior year improvement authorizations.

Operating Summary:

Operating Budget:	
Appropriations	\$ 6,156,925
Revenues	<u>6,138,087</u>
Net Position Utilized/(Provided)	<u>\$ 18,838</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Combining Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Trust and Agency Funds	Restricted Funds			Operating Funds			Capital Funds			General Fixed Assets	Memo Only - Total
	Employee Development	Community Contribution Fund	Grant/ Designated Gifts	Subtotal Restricted Funds	General	Municipal	Subtotal Operations	Library Funded Capital	Municipal Funded Capital	Subtotal Capital		
Assets												
Cash	\$ 69,021	\$ 29,187	\$ 129,043	\$ 158,230	\$ 780,423	\$ 198,031	\$ 978,454	\$ 191,554	\$ 89,612	\$ 281,166		\$ 1,486,871
Due from municipalities-capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	431,432	431,432		431,432
Other receivables	-	-	-	-	2,003	-	2,003	-	-	-		2,003
Capital assets, Net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 19,522,234	19,522,234
Total assets	<u>\$ 69,021</u>	<u>\$ 29,187</u>	<u>\$ 129,043</u>	<u>\$ 158,230</u>	<u>\$ 782,426</u>	<u>\$ 198,031</u>	<u>\$ 980,457</u>	<u>\$ 191,554</u>	<u>\$ 521,044</u>	<u>\$ 712,598</u>	<u>\$ 19,522,234</u>	<u>\$ 21,442,540</u>
Liabilities and Reserves												
Reserve for encumbrances	-	\$ 4,059	1,266	\$ 5,325	\$ 19,550	\$ 5,757	\$ 25,307	-	-	-	-	\$ 30,632
Reserve for capital encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,223	54,271	\$ 60,494	-	60,494
Security deposit	-	-	-	-	1,300	-	1,300	-	-	-	-	1,300
Improvement authorizations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	185,331	337,911	523,242	-	523,242
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	19,936	19,936	-	-	-	-	19,936
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,561	28,561	-	28,561
Reserve for employee development	\$ 69,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>69,021</u>	<u>4,059</u>	<u>1,266</u>	<u>5,325</u>	<u>20,850</u>	<u>25,693</u>	<u>46,543</u>	<u>191,554</u>	<u>420,743</u>	<u>612,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>733,186</u>
Fund Balances												
Investment in capital assets	-	\$ 25,128	-	\$ 25,128	\$ 761,576	\$ 172,338	\$ 933,914	-	\$ 100,301	\$ 100,301	\$ 19,522,234	\$ 19,522,234
Unreserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	959,042
Reserved for capital trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,301
Reserved for grant and dedicated gift expenditures	-	-	\$ 127,777	127,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,777
	<u>-</u>	<u>25,128</u>	<u>127,777</u>	<u>152,905</u>	<u>761,576</u>	<u>172,338</u>	<u>933,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,301</u>	<u>100,301</u>	<u>19,522,234</u>	<u>20,709,354</u>
Total liabilities and reserves and fund balances	<u>\$ 69,021</u>	<u>\$ 29,187</u>	<u>\$ 129,043</u>	<u>\$ 158,230</u>	<u>\$ 782,426</u>	<u>\$ 198,031</u>	<u>\$ 980,457</u>	<u>\$ 191,554</u>	<u>\$ 521,044</u>	<u>\$ 712,598</u>	<u>\$ 19,522,234</u>	<u>\$ 21,442,540</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Change of Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Municipal Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Community Contribution Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Endowment Grants/Gifts</u>	<u>Operating Total</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue								
Municipal library tax levy	\$ 3,578,504				\$ 3,578,504			\$ 3,578,504
Municipal additional appropriation	1,396,590	-	-	-	1,396,590	-	-	1,396,590
State library aid	19,868	-	-	-	19,868	-	-	19,868
Fines/fees		\$ 160,320	-	-	160,320	-	-	160,320
Interest	825	23	\$ 102	-	950	-	-	950
Saleable/taxable items	-	10,629	-	-	10,629	-	-	10,629
Meeting room charge	-	55,734	-	-	55,734	-	-	55,734
Endowment contribution	-	373,773	-	-	373,773	-	-	373,773
Donations - unrestricted	-	473,199	-	-	473,199	-	-	473,199
Café lease	-	21,468	-	-	21,468	-	-	21,468
Miscellaneous/other	-	104	-	-	104	-	-	104
Friends revenue	-	-	191,932	-	191,932	-	-	191,932
Grant revenue	-	-	-	\$ 71,749	71,749	-	-	71,749
Capital fund revenues	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 716,263	-	716,263
Designated gifts	-	89,409	-	138,427	227,836	-	-	227,836
Total revenues	<u>4,995,787</u>	<u>1,184,659</u>	<u>192,034</u>	<u>210,176</u>	<u>6,582,656</u>	<u>716,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,298,919</u>
Expenditures								
Salaries and benefits	4,739,108	27,868	-	83,118	4,850,094	-	-	4,850,094
Other expenses	248,277	1,108,940	183,793	115,147	1,656,157	716,263	-	2,372,420
Total expenditures	<u>4,987,385</u>	<u>1,136,808</u>	<u>183,793</u>	<u>198,265</u>	<u>6,506,251</u>	<u>716,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,222,514</u>
Excess or revenues over expenditures	<u>8,402</u>	<u>47,851</u>	<u>8,241</u>	<u>11,911</u>	<u>76,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,405</u>
Other (debits)/credits								
Prior year encumbrance cancelled	(8,999)	(13,160)	(3,065)	-	(25,224)	-	-	(25,224)
Capital assets acquired/(retired), net	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ (71,562)	(71,562)
Net change in net position	<u>(597)</u>	<u>34,691</u>	<u>5,176</u>	<u>11,911</u>	<u>51,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(71,562)</u>	<u>(20,381)</u>
Fund balances								
Balance, January 1	<u>172,935</u>	<u>726,885</u>	<u>19,952</u>	<u>115,866</u>	<u>1,035,638</u>	<u>100,301</u>	<u>19,593,796</u>	<u>20,729,735</u>
Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 172,338</u>	<u>\$ 761,576</u>	<u>\$ 25,128</u>	<u>\$ 127,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,819</u>	<u>\$ 100,301</u>	<u>\$ 19,522,234</u>	<u>\$ 20,709,354</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Payroll Deductions Payable
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Increased by		Decreased by
	<u>Library's</u>	<u>Payroll</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
	<u>Share</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	
Federal Withholding Tax		\$ 247,870.57	\$ 247,870.57
FICA	\$ 249,864.73	249,864.76	499,729.49
State of New Jersey Withholding Tax		109,040.13	109,040.13
Public Employees Retirement System		220,658.50	220,658.50
Public Employees Retirement System- Loans		8,292.12	8,292.12
DCRP	19,955.00	36,584.00	56,539.00
State Unemployment Insurance		9,966.25	9,966.25
State Disability Insurance		7,986.72	7,986.72
FLI		11,459.23	11,459.23
Employee Health Benefit Contribution		203,171.26	203,171.26
Flexible Spending Account		8,243.85	8,243.85
Deferred Compensation		102,745.68	102,745.68
PERS Annual Bill	395,285.00		395,285.00
Net Pay		<u>2,250,272.47</u>	<u>2,250,272.47</u>
	<u>\$ 665,104.73</u>	<u>\$ 3,466,155.54</u>	<u>\$ 4,131,260.27</u>

() denotes deficit

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Analysis of Restricted Cash
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Restricted Gifts</u>	<u>Endowment Gifts</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Friends & Foundation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash balance, January 1, 2025	\$ 33,467	\$ 42,091	\$ 40,308	115,866	\$ 27,076	\$ 142,942
Receipts				-		
Revenue	17,107	138,427	54,642	210,176	191,830	402,006
Interest	-	-		-	102	102
Subtotal receipts	<u>17,107</u>	<u>138,427</u>	<u>54,642</u>	<u>210,176</u>	<u>191,932</u>	<u>402,108</u>
Restricted for operating fund	50,574	180,518	94,950	326,042	219,008	545,050
Disbursements						
Expenditures	<u>19,834</u>	<u>134,656</u>	<u>42,509</u>	<u>196,999</u>	<u>189,821</u>	<u>386,820</u>
Cash balance, December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 30,740</u>	<u>\$ 45,862</u>	<u>\$ 52,441</u>	<u>\$ 129,043</u>	<u>\$ 29,187</u>	<u>\$ 158,230</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Capital Projects
Improvement Authorizations
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Project	Year Authorized	Improvements Authorized	Improvement Balances January 1, 2025	Improvements Authorized in 2025	Improvements Appropriated in 2025	Improvement Balances December 31, 2025
Video Surveillance System	2017	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,314
Restroom Upgrades/ Fountains	2019	101,000				-
YS Power Supply & Furniture	2019	51,000				-
Furniture & Equipment	2019	50,000				-
Exterior Door Replacements	2021	60,000				-
Furniture & Equipment	2021	17,000	10,000	-	10,000	-
Furniture/Equipment	2023	77,500	9,617		9,617	-
Technology Replacements & Upgrades	2023	29,055	22,650		22,650	-
Youth Services Technology & Equipment	2023	169,990	169,990		123,050	46,940
Doors & Hardware and Emergency Exit System	2024	90,000	75,000			75,000
Technology Replacements & Upgrades	2024	175,000	86,321		70,910	15,411
Furniture/Equipment	2024	85,000	85,000		50,545	34,455
Hot Water	2025	9,836		9,836	9,836	-
Window Shades	2025	25,000		25,000		25,000
Electrical Upgrades	2025	37,000		37,000	1,414	35,586
Furniture/Equipment	2025	10,000		10,000	9,900	100
Furniture Childrens Floor	2025	65,000		65,000	65,000	-
Tech. Replacements & Upgrades	2025	185,000		185,000	117,538	67,462
Tech. AV Equipment	2025	140,000		140,000		140,000
SPI Building Upgrades-Steam Studio	2025			36,749	36,749	-
Building Upgrades- Steam Studio	2025			221,237	221,237	-
Innovation Project - Building Improvement	2023	40,794	-			-
Innovation Project - Building Improvement	2024	34,082				-
WTC Building Stewardship	2019	700				-
WTC Building Stewardship	2020	48,309				-
WTC Building Stewardship	2021	94,283				-
WTC Building Stewardship	2022	88,085			956	(956)
WTC Building Stewardship	2023	95,614				-
WTC Building Stewardship	2024	53,830			27,243	(27,243)
		<u>\$ 1,983,078</u>	<u>\$ 460,892</u>	<u>\$ 729,822</u>	<u>\$ 776,645</u>	<u>\$ 414,069</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Capital Distribution from Municipality
Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Due From Municipality January 1, 2025</u>	<u>Projects Authorized 2025</u>	<u>Due From Municipality in 2025</u>	<u>Total Cash Received 2025</u>	<u>Due From Municipality December 31, 2025</u>
Video Surveillance System (2017)	\$ 2,314	\$ (2,314)			-
Furniture & Equipment 2019	150	-	\$ 150		\$ 150
Furniture & Equipment 2021	10,000	-	10,000	\$ 10,000	-
Furniture & Equipment 2023	9,467		9,467	9,617	(150)
Technology Replacements & Upgrades 2023	22,650		22,650	22,650	-
Youh Services Technology & Equipment 2023	169,990		169,990	143,816	26,174
Furniture & Equipment 2024	85,000		85,000	50,545	34,455
Technology Replacements & Upgrades 2024	26,815		26,815	11,404	15,411
Hot Water Heater 2025		9,836	9,836	9,836	-
Window Shades 2025		25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Electrical Upgrades 2025		37,000	37,000	1,414	35,586
Furniture/Equipment 2025		10,000	10,000		10,000
Furniture Childrens Floor 2025		65,000	65,000	62,656	2,344
Tech Replacements & Upgrades 2025		185,000	185,000	117,538	67,462
Tech. AV Equipment 2025		140,000	140,000	-	140,000
Doors & Hardware Exits 2024	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,000</u>
	<u>\$ 401,386</u>	<u>\$ 469,522</u>	<u>\$ 870,908</u>	<u>\$ 439,476</u>	<u>\$ 431,432</u>

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Roster of Officials
Year Ended December 31, 2025

<u>Members of the Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires(d)</u>
Christopher Van Buren	President	1/1/2030
Sebnem Tuzun	Vice President	1/1/2027
Jeffrey Liao	Treasurer	1/1/2028
Keisha Smith-Carrington	Superintendent's Designee	Statutory
Holley Barreto	Secretary	1/1/2028
Kushanava Choudhury		1/1/2026
Stephanie Oster		1/1/2027
Mark Freda	Mayor, Mayor Designee	1/1/2026
Jennifer Podolsky	Executive Director	As of February 2020

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the deficiencies, significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None

The Trustees of the Free Public Library of Princeton, New Jersey
Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Schedule of Prior Year Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None