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DESOTO PARISH POLICE JURY
Mansfield, Louisiana

Basic Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Reports
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2008
(With Comparative Totals at December 31, 2007)

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (PART I)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

The discussion and analysis of the DeSoto Parish Library's financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, with comparative totals for the year ended December 31, 2007. It should be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The basic financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Library, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, provides the following insights into the financial position and the results of operations. Governmental funds (Statement E) reported a fund balance of \$2,666,239, an increase of \$252,837 or 113 per cent from the prior year. Total spending for all programs was \$2,007,129 for the year, a decrease of \$1,955,575 or 49 per cent from the prior year. The decrease, in expenditures is due to the completion of a major capital improvement program within the library system, which began in previous years.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The library's basic financial statements consists of a series of financial statements that show information for the library as a whole, its funds, and its financial responsibilities. The Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B), provide information about the activities of the library as a whole and present a longer-term view of the library's finances. The governmental fund financial statements of the library are reported on Statement C and Statement E. For the library's governmental activities, these statements report how the library finances its services in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund statements may also provide insights into the library's overall financial position. Fund financial statements also report the library's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the library's general fund. Additionally, the fund financial statements, provide detail information about the general fund of the library, but not the library as a whole. The general fund is required to be established by State law to enable the library to control and manage financial resources for particular purposes or to demonstrate that the library is meeting legal requirements for the expenditure of revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities are reported using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are reported regardless of when cash is received and/or paid. These statements present the governmental activities of the library which comprises all of the library's services.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
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These statements report the library's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets - as a way to measure the library's financial position. Increases or decreases in the library's net assets, as reported in the Statement of Activities, are an indicator of whether the library's financial position is improving or deteriorating. The difference between revenues and expenses presents the library's operating results; however, the library's objective is to provide services to the residents of the parish and the public in general, and not to generate profits as a commercial enterprise.

The library's services are reported in governmental funds which focus on showing how financial resources flow into and out of funds and the balances remaining at year-end that may be available for future spending, using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and other financial assets that may be readily converted to cash. This basis of accounting provides a detailed short-term view of the library's operations and the services it provides. The governmental fund information enables financial statement users to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the library's programs. The relationship between governmental activities reported in the government-wide financial statements (Statement A and B) and the governmental funds in the fund financial statements (Statement C and E) is presented in a reconciliation on Statements D and F.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

As reported on the Statement of Net Assets (Statement A), the library's net assets were \$5,009,503, at December 31, 2008. This represents a net increase of \$1,250,226, or 33 per cent from the prior year. The unrestricted net assets of the governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past year's operations. It means that if the library had to pay off all of its liabilities at December 31, 2008, \$2,597,256 would remain.

As reported in the Statement of Activities, (Statement B) the results of this year's operations for the library reflected an increase of \$1,250,226 or 16 per cent. The library intends to closely monitor future expenditures with adherence to the approved budget to ensure financial stability.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

As reported on the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet, (Statement C) the library reported total assets of \$2,675,988, this is a decrease of approximately \$181,500 or 6 per cent from the prior year.

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As reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Statement E), the total revenues increased by \$290,749 or 14 per cent and expenditures increased by \$1,955,575 or 49 per cent from the prior year, due primarily to the completion of a major capital improvement project for the library branches.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Budgetary information presented on Schedule 1, demonstrates the level of budgetary control exercised by the library as well as compliance with State law relating to budgets and the budgetary process. Actual revenues exceed budgeted revenues by \$857,177 or 38 per cent and actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by \$424,067 or 21 per cent.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The capital assets of the library consists of furniture, equipment and library collections. The original land and buildings utilized by the library in its operations are, in accordance with Louisiana law, titled in the name of the Desoto Parish Police Jury. These immovables, with an acquisition cost of \$1,193,000 and a net book value of \$570,156 are accounted for by the Desoto Parish Police Jury. At December 31, 2008, the library had investments in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) totaling \$4,402,247. This is an increase of \$706,999 or 19 per cent from the prior year, primarily due to the initiation of a major capital improvement program.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At December 31, 2008, the DeSoto Parish Library had total debt outstanding of \$1,990,000, comprised of certificates of indebtedness issued in December 2005. Additional information on the long-term debt, including annual debt service funding requirements, can be found in the Note section of this report.

CONTACTING THE LIBRARY

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the library's finances and to show accountability for the financial resources received. Questions about this report or requests for additional financial information should be directed to the Ms. Bethany Ryder May, Director, DeSoto Parish Library, 109 Crosby Street, Mansfield, LA 71309, at phone number 318-872-6100.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DESOTO PARISH LIBRARY
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I have audited the basic financial statements of the Desoto Parish Library, a component unit of the Desoto Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2008, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Desoto Parish Library's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Desoto Parish Library as of December 31, 2008, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Required Supplementary Information (Part I & II), as listed in the foregoing table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This Required Supplementary Information is the responsibility of the management of the Desoto Parish Library. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated June 29, 2009, on my consideration of internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

The financial information for the year ended December 31, 2007, which is included for comparative purposes, was taken from the financial report for that year in which I expressed an unqualified opinion dated June 25, 2008, on the basic financial statements of the Desoto Parish Library.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Herbie W. Way

Herbie W. Way
Alexandria, Louisiana
June 29, 2009

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Basic Financial Statements
As of December 31, 2008, and for the Year Then Ended

Statement A

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Statement of Net Assets
 December 31, 2008
 (With Comparative Totals, December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
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ASSETS		

Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,212,202	\$1,909,616
Investments	503,075	
Receivables:		
Ad valorem taxes	839,224	650,516
Sales and use taxes	189,427	98,114
State revenue sharing	18,360	17,742
Capital assets, net	4,358,978	4,402,247
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,121,265	\$7,078,235
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LIABILITIES		

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$16,789	\$9,748
Interest payable	57,906	68,984
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	310,000	297,000
Due in more than one year	1,383,000	1,693,000
Total liabilities	1,767,695	2,068,732
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NET ASSETS		

Invested in capital assets	2,665,978	2,412,247
Unrestricted	3,687,592	2,597,256
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$6,353,570	\$5,009,503
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
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EXPENSES		

Current - General Government - Taxation:		
Personal services and related benefits	\$604,842	\$509,144
Operating services	244,474	159,874
Materials and supplies	43,632	38,655
Travel and other charges	11,823	14,951
Debt service - interest expense	57,906	68,984
Depreciation expense	391,036	218,132
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TOTAL EXPENSES	1,353,713	1,009,740
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GENERAL REVENUES		

Ad valorem taxes	871,131	728,491
Sales and use taxes	1,689,075	1,356,346
State grants	49,379	51,795
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	23,778	20,609
Interest earnings	58,630	100,137
Other	5,788	2,589
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TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	2,697,781	2,259,966
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	1,344,068	1,250,226

NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,009,503	3,759,277

NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$6,353,570	\$5,009,503
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Statement C

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 GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2008
 (With Comparative Totals, December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
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ASSETS		

Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,212,202	\$1,909,616
Investments	503,075	
Receivables		
Ad valorem taxes	839,224	650,516
State revenue sharing	18,360	17,742
Sales and use taxes	189,427	98,114
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,762,287	\$2,675,988
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		

Liabilities - accounts and other payables	\$16,789	\$9,748
Fund Balance:		
Unreserved/undesignated	3,745,498	2,666,239
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Total fund balance	3,745,498	2,666,239
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$3,762,287	\$2,675,988
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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund
 Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
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	2008	2007
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$3,745,498	\$2,666,239
Cost of capital assets	\$6,912,412	
Less - accumulated depreciation	(2,553,434)	4,402,247
Long-term liabilities:		
Certificates of indebtedness	(1,693,000)	
Interest payable - current	(57,906)	(2,058,984)
Net Assets	\$6,353,570	\$5,009,503

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
REVENUES		
Ad valorem taxes	\$871,131	\$728,491
Sales and use taxes	1,689,075	1,356,346
State grants and entitlements	49,379	51,795
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	23,778	20,609
Interest earnings	58,630	100,137
Gifts, grants, and donations	5,788	2,589
Total revenues	2,697,781	2,259,966
EXPENDITURES		
Current - Culture and Recreation - Libraries:		
Personal services and related benefits	604,842	509,144
Operating services	244,474	227,264
Materials and supplies	43,632	38,655
Travel and other charges	11,823	14,951
Debt service	365,984	359,374
Capital outlay	347,767	857,741
Total expenditures	1,618,522	2,007,129
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,079,259	252,837
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,666,239	2,413,403
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$3,745,498	\$2,666,239

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
 in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2008
 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
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Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$1,079,259	\$252,837
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation in the period:		
Capital outlays	\$347,767	
Depreciation expense	(391,036)	706,999

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	(57,906)	(68,984)
Issuance of long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because it is recognized as an other financing source in the funds when it is received, and thus provides the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, issuance of long-term debt is not recognized as a source of funding.	365,984	359,374
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Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$1,344,068	\$1,250,226
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Notes to the Financial Statements
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INTRODUCTION

The Desoto Parish Library was established by the parish governing authority under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The library provides citizens of the parish access to library materials, books, magazines, records, and films through a central library, several branches, and service outlets. The library is governed by a 6-member board of control that is appointed by the parish police jury in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:214. The members of the board of control serve without pay.

Effective July 1, 2004, the administration of and accounting functions for funds of the Desoto Parish Library were transferred from the Desoto Parish Police Jury to the Desoto Parish Library Board of Control. Prior to January 1, 2004, the financial statements of the Desoto Parish Library were reported as a governmental fund of the Desoto Parish Police Jury.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Desoto Parish Library have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Desoto Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Desoto Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Desoto Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include:

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1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury has the ability to impose its will on the Desoto Parish Library and/or there exists the potential for the Desoto Parish Library to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury, the Desoto Parish Library was determined to be a component unit of the Desoto Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the library and do not present information on the police jury, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The library uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all of the library's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, the fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future operations of the library. The library's current operations require the use of only governmental (general) fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the library and accounts for all financial resources.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) - include the Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B). These financial statements report the financial position and results of operations for the library as a whole. Fiduciary funds are not included at this level, as they are only reported in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level. The Government-Wide Financial Statements were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) derive directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The library reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation which cannot be specifically identified by function is assigned to the depreciation expense due to the fact that the assets serve multiple purposes.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS) - governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the library. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type.

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Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The library considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1995 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the income is available.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem tax and the related state revenue sharing are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

A proposed budget is published in the official journal at least ten days prior to a public hearing. The public hearing is held at the library's office during the month of December for comments from taxpayers. The proposed budget is then legally adopted and amended during the year, as necessary, by the library. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Formal budgetary integration is not employed as a management control device during the year. Encumbrances are not recorded or recognized in the budget of the library. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

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F. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed. However, outstanding purchase orders are taken into consideration before expenditures are incurred in order to assure that applicable appropriations are not exceeded.

G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those income-producing items with original maturities of usually 90 days or less. Under state law, the library may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, the library may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

H. INVESTMENTS

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 32:2955, the library, upon determination of the availability of funds in excess of immediate cash requirements, may invest in direct United States Treasury obligations; bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness guaranteed by federal agencies or United States government instrumentalities, provided that such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government; and savings accounts and certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana or national banks having their principal offices in the state of Louisiana. Additionally, the library may invest in mutual or trust fund institutions (limited to 25 per cent of the funds considered available for investment under this section) provided that they are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933 and the investment Act of 1940 and have underlying investments consisting solely of securities of the United States government or its agencies. Investments are stated at fair value.

I. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The library maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets for reporting purposes. Capital assets are recorded in the government-wide financial statements, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the library, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Interest costs on debt used to finance the construction of capital assets are not capitalized.

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All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using a composite group rate which is applied to similar assets for the purpose of calculating depreciation expense. The estimated useful lives of the classes of assets are as follows:

Description	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings and improvements	40 years
Furniture and fixtures	10 years
Machinery and equipment	10 years
Vehicles	7 years
Library collection	5 years

J. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

For Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets, net assets are reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either, externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants, construction contracts, etc.), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments and/or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

K. FUND EQUITY

In the Fund Financial Statements, Governmental Funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

L. EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL ITEMS

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the library, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

M. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported on the basic financial statements and the related note disclosure at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2008, the library has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Petty cash	\$106
Demand deposits - interest bearing	1,658,958
LAMP	<u>553,138</u>
Total	<u><u>\$2,212,202</u></u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) totaling \$1,663,245 at December 31, 2008 are secured by \$250,000 federal deposit insurance (GASB Category 1) and \$1,413,245 of pledged securities held by the custodial banks in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3). Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than in the name of the library, they are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Codification I50.163(b); however, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the library that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

The Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) is a non-profit corporation created under Louisiana law. This corporation, created at the initiative of the Louisiana State Treasurer's Office and governed by a board of directors, allows units of local government to pool their cash balances as a means of increasing their rate of return on investments. LAMP invests only in securities and other obligations that are permissible under Louisiana law for municipalities and parishes; accordingly, these investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed or otherwise backed by the United States Government or one of its agencies, enterprises or instrumentalities. Since participation in LAMP constitutes a direct investment in the assets constituting the pool, there are no specific collateralization requirements; accordingly, these cash equivalents are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Codification I50.163(b).

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3. INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2008, the library has the following investments:

Description	Category			Fair
	A	B	C	Value
Certificates of deposit	\$503,075	NONE	NONE	\$503,075

Category A includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the school board or its agent in the school board's name. Category B includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the school board's name. Category C includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent but not in the school board's name.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Equipment	Books	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$68,500	\$4,072,045	161,227	2,262,874	6,564,646
Additions	3,648	100,044	70,240	173,835	347,767
Balance, end of year	72,148	4,172,088	231,467	2,436,709	6,912,412
Less- accumulated depreciation		(206,103)	(125,293)	(2,222,038)	(2,553,434)
Net capital assets	\$72,148	\$3,965,985	\$106,174	\$214,671	\$4,358,978
Accumulated Depreciation:					
Beginning of year		(\$101,801)	(\$108,063)	(\$1,952,535)	(\$2,162,399)
Current year depreciation		(104,302)	(17,230)	(269,503)	(391,036)
End of Year		(\$206,103)	(\$125,293)	(\$2,222,038)	(\$2,553,434)

The original land and buildings utilized by the library in its operations are, in accordance with Louisiana law, titled in the name of the Desoto Parish Police Jury. These immovables, with an acquisition cost of \$1,193,600 and a net book value of \$570,156, are accounted for by the Desoto Parish Police Jury.

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4. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2008:

<u>Certificates of Indebtedness - Series 2005</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$1,990,000
Deductions	<u>(297,000)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$1,693,000</u>

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Current	\$310,000	\$57,906
Long-term	<u>1,383,000</u>	<u>108,401</u>
Total	<u>\$1,693,000</u>	<u>\$166,307</u>

Principal and interest on the certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest from 3.550 to 3.850 per cent, are due as follows:

Year Ended	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>December 31:</u>			
2009	\$310,000	\$57,906	\$367,906
2010	322,000	46,292	368,292
2011	337,000	34,016	371,016
2012	354,000	20,971	374,971
2013	<u>370,000</u>	<u>7,122</u>	<u>377,122</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,693,000</u>	<u>\$166,307</u>	<u>\$1,859,307</u>

5. PENSION PLANS

Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana -- substantially all employees of the library are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana ("system"), a multiple-employer, public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The system is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the police jury are members of Plan A.

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All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the system. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of credited service, at or after age 55 with 25 years of credited service, or at any age with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 per cent of their final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. However, for those employees who were members of the supplemental plan only prior to January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to 1 per cent of final compensation, plus \$24 for each year of supplemental plan only service earned prior to January 1, 1980. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of credited service stated previously and who do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified previously and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4619, or by calling (504) 928-1361.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.5 percent of their annual covered salary and the employer is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 13.25 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of the parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the employers are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation of the prior fiscal year. The employer contributions to the System under Plan A for the year ending December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2005 were \$20,951, \$18,356, and \$16,978, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Desoto Parish Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Desoto Parish Library has obtained commercial insurance for risks relating to injuries of employees, and the operation of motor vehicles. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - PART II

DESOTO PARISH LIBRARY
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 GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
 Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL AMENDED BUDGET	ACTUAL ON BUDGET BASIS
REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes			\$682,423
Sales and use taxes	1,253,000	1,328,947	1,597,762
Intergovernmental revenues	47,398	48,761	48,761
Other income	120,000	84,336	85,120
Total revenues	1,420,398	1,462,045	2,414,067
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Culture and recreation - library:			
Personal services and related benefits	597,648	597,648	604,842
Operating services	260,850	260,850	244,474
Materials and supplies	39,900	38,731	43,632
Travel and other charges	13,000	9,713	14,002
Capital outlay	609,000	326,989	347,767
Total expenditures	1,520,398	1,233,930	1,254,717
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(100,000)	228,115	1,159,349
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	100,000	100,000	1,909,616
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	NONE	\$328,115	\$3,068,965
Budget Reconciliation			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses - (Non-GAAP basis) Schedule 1			\$1,159,349
Adjustments:			
Receivables/payables (net)			285,893
Debt service expenditures not budgeted			(365,984)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses - (GAAP basis) Statement E			\$1,079,259

See independent auditor's report.

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The following pages contain reports on internal control structure and compliance with laws and regulations required by *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The reports are based solely on the audit of the financial statements.

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

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I have audited the financial statements of Desoto Parish Library as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, and have issued my report thereon dated June 29, 2009. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Desoto Parish Library's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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GAO Compliance Report
(Continued)

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Prior Audit Findings

The audit for the year ended December 31, 2007, disclosed no instances of noncompliance that were required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* or matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

General

Under Louisiana Revised Statute (LSA-R.S.) 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Alexandria, Louisiana
June 29, 2009