

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

December 31, 2019 and 2018

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of Chicago Public Library Foundation

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chicago Public Library Foundation (the Foundation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Report on Supplementary Information

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Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental information on pages 22-24 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Chicago, Illinois June 11, 2020

Chicago Public Library Foundation Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents Pledges receivable, net Accrued interest/dividends receivable Investments Prepaid expenses Property, equipment and collections	\$ 2,810,249 773,984 48,446 27,739,925 44,787	\$ 2,976,601 1,843,074 27,968 23,943,691 42,807
Total assets	\$ 31,417,392	\$ 28,834,142
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities Accounts payable	\$ 556,857	\$ 376,201
Total liabilities	556,857	376,201
Net Assets Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated Designated by the Board	13,169,076 1,283,545	13,502,754 952,400
Total without donor restrictions	14,452,621	14,455,154
With donor restrictions: Perpetual in nature Endowment earnings subject to appropriations Purpose restrictions	8,641,882 4,918,934 2,847,098	8,641,882 1,420,411 3,940,494
Total with donor restrictions	16,407,914	14,002,787
Total net assets	30,860,535	28,457,941
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 31,417,392	\$ 28,834,142

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2019, With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2019 Total	2018 Total
Operating				
Support and revenue:				
Contributions	\$ 512,785	\$ 1,754,741	\$ 2,267,526	\$ 2,836,629
Special event revenue, net of expenses	1,320,998	116,500	1,437,498	1,786,723
Endowment income	1,075,984	, -	1,075,984	1,094,444
Other income	14,270	-	14,270	12,315
Donated services and materials	110,975	-	110,975	94,690
Net assets released from restrictions	2,964,637	(2,964,637)		
Total support and revenue	5,999,649	(1,093,396)	4,906,253	5,824,801
Expenses				
Program services, Library	4,657,755	-	4,657,755	4,855,834
Supporting services	507.050		507.050	050 470
Management and general	527,850	-	527,850	653,473
Fundraising	1,114,320		1,114,320	1,153,528
Total expenses	6,299,925		6,299,925	6,662,835
Change in Net Assets From Operating Activities	(300,276)	(1,093,396)	(1,393,672)	(838,034)
Nonoperating Net gains (losses) on investments	479,543	3,850,991	4,330,534	(2,435,481)
Deficit of income earned over withdrawal under spending	479,343	3,630,991	4,330,334	(2,433,461)
policy, net of investment expenses	(181,800)	(352,468)	(534,268)	(610,211)
Change in net assets from				
nonoperating activities	297,743	3,498,523	3,796,266	(3,045,692)
Change in net assets	(2,533)	2,405,127	2,402,594	(3,883,726)
Net Assets, Beginning	14,455,154	14,002,787	28,457,941	32,341,667
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 14,452,621	\$ 16,407,914	\$ 30,860,535	\$ 28,457,941

Chicago Public Library Foundation Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating			
Support and revenue:			
Contributions	\$ 505,631	\$ 2,330,998	\$ 2,836,629
Special event revenue, net of expenses	1,446,723	340,000	1,786,723
Endowment income	1,094,444	-	1,094,444
Other income	12,315	-	12,315
Donated services and materials	94,690	-	94,690
Net assets released from restrictions	3,287,851	(3,287,851)	
Total support and revenue	6,441,654	(616,853)	5,824,801
Expenses			
Program services, Library Supporting services	4,855,834	-	4,855,834
Management and general	653,473	-	653,473
Fundraising	1,153,528		1,153,528
Total expenses	6,662,835		6,662,835
Change in Net Assets From			
Operating Activities	(221,181)	(616,853)	(838,034)
Nonoperating			
Net gains (losses) on investments Deficit of income earned over withdrawal under spending	346,861	(2,782,342)	(2,435,481)
policy, net of investment			
expenses	(610,211)		(610,211)
Change in net assets from	(222.275)	(0.700.0.15)	(0.045.655)
nonoperating activities	(263,350)	(2,782,342)	(3,045,692)
Change in net assets	(484,531)	(3,399,195)	(3,883,726)
Net Assets, Beginning	14,939,685	17,401,982	32,341,667
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 14,455,154	\$ 14,002,787	\$ 28,457,941

Chicago Public Library Foundation Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 2019, With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

		Program Services							Supporting Services								
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Books, subscriptions and publications	\$ 26,293	\$	181	\$	-	\$	105,268	\$ 12,036	\$ -	\$	143,778	\$	20	\$	2,286	\$ 146,084	\$ 138,503
Computer hardware, software, supplies																	
and amortization	42,427		7,877		11,050		-	-	117		61,471		12,067		50,896	124,434	213,223
Conferences, meetings and training	464		900		-		-	-	1,815		3,179		64		3,216	6,459	8,614
Copier lease and supplies	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		2,496		4,406	6,902	7,857
Donated services/materials	90		3,691		-		-	-	-		3,781		-		107,194	110,975	94,690
Dues, fees and memberships	-		-		-		-	-	179		179		18,272		9,827	28,278	26,250
Honoraria	227,234		85,845		13,790		45,100	22,709	-		394,678		-		-	394,678	318,219
Insurance	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		10,363		-	10,363	10,779
Marketing and promotion	47,772		12,568		-		5,224	17,140	2,842		85,546		-		101,420	186,966	166,566
Office supplies	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		6,323		12,772	19,095	16,737
Postage, shipping and messengers	346		-		-		-	-	-		346		624		12,097	13,067	12,314
Printing and design	110,339		-		-		38,542	-	-		148,881		-		-	148,881	134,050
Professional fees:																	
Audit and tax returns	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		47,454		-	47,454	46,122
Grant funded positions	698,227		673,444		916,659		-	-	1,196		2,289,526		-		-	2,289,526	1,620,586
Investment consultants	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		30,441		-	30,441	24,568
Legal services	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		100		-	100	2,420
Other services	168,018		24,157		25,740		25,043	-	454,834		697,792		32,287		71,245	801,324	690,095
Teachers in the Library	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		-		-	-	807,856
Rent, telephone and utilities	-		-		40,516		-	-	-		40,516		18,976		33,445	92,937	130,329
Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits	-		-		-		-	-	-		-		342,746		650,265	993,011	1,086,185
Special events and program materials	422,124		108,787		23,952		9,829	18,660	13,055		596,407		-		1,671	598,078	949,041
Transportation, travel and business	 53,470		61,988		3,216		3,823	 2,998	 66,180		191,675		5,617		53,580	 250,872	 157,831
Total	\$ 1,796,804	\$	979,438	\$	1,034,923	\$	232,829	\$ 73,543	\$ 540,218	\$	4,657,755	\$	527,850	\$	1,114,320	\$ 6,299,925	\$ 6,662,835

Chicago Public Library Foundation Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 2018

		Program Services								Supporting Services										
	Children's Teen Programs Programs		Technology Access		Collections and Cultural Programs		Branch Programs		Other Library Programs		Total Library		Management and General		Fundraising			Total		
Books, subscriptions and publications	\$	23,924	\$	-	\$	-	\$	105,490	\$	8,311	\$	-	\$	137,725	\$	137	\$	641	\$	138,503
Computer hardware, software, supplies																				
and amortization		85,328		4,741		11,820		-		2,080		-		153,969		12,461		46,793		213,223
Conferences, meetings and training		3,154		1,108		-		-		-		500		4,762		-		3,852		8,614
Copier lease and supplies		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		2,844		5,013		7,857
Donated services/materials		2,277	1	2,765		-		650		1,072		-		16,764		15,838		62,088		94,690
Dues, fees and memberships		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		9,724		16,526		26,250
Honoraria		152,818	8	9,246		9,777		41,698		24,680		-		318,219		-		-		318,219
Insurance		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		3,940		6,839		10,779
Marketing and promotion		37,328	1	9,791		1,000		2,223		105		-		60,447		-		106,119		166,566
Office supplies		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		6,378		10,359		16,737
Postage, shipping and messengers		-		98		-		-		-		-		98		1,149		11,067		12,314
Printing and design		108,036		412		-		25,413		-		-		133,861		-		189		134,050
Professional fees:																				
Audit and tax returns		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		46,122		-		46,122
Grant funded positions		-	62	9,671		990,915		-		-		-		1,620,586		-		-		1,620,586
Investment consultants		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		24,568		-		24,568
Legal services		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		2,420		-		2,420
Other services		72,426	1	4,548		10,590		33,913		167		342,512		474,156		140,480		75,459		690,095
Teachers in the Library		807,856		-		-		-		-		-		807,856		-		-		807,856
Rent, telephone and utilities		-		-		78,803		-		-		-		78,803		18,928		32,598		130,329
Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		356,300		729,885		1,086,185
Special events and program materials		756,324		0,453		19,697		4,052		12,367		15,683		928,576		-		20,465		949,041
Transportation, travel and business		52,181	4	0,006		3,329		1,895		1,529		21,072		120,012		12,184		25,635		157,831
Total	\$	2,101,652	\$ 98	2,839	\$	1,125,931	\$	215,334	\$	50,311	\$	379,767	\$	4,855,834	\$	653,473	\$	1,153,528	\$	6,662,835

Chicago Public Library Foundation
Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	 2019	 2018
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 2,402,594	\$ (3,883,726)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (gains) losses on investments	(4,330,534)	2,435,481
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Pledges receivable	1,069,090	(104,144)
Accrued interest/dividends receivable	(20,478)	(5,218)
Prepaid expenses	(1,980)	(2,600)
Accounts payable	 180,656	 94,993
Net cash flows from operating activities	(700,652)	 (1,465,214)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchases of investments	(1,307,830)	(29,009,326)
Sales of investments	1,842,130	29,669,896
Net cash flows from investing activities	 534,300	 660,570
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(166,352)	(804,644)
Cook and Cook Equivalents Beginning	0.076.604	2 704 245
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	 2,976,601	 3,781,245
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$ 2,810,249	\$ 2,976,601

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities

The Chicago Public Library Foundation (Foundation or CPLF) was created in 1986 by visionary civic leaders who shared a conviction that private resources are essential to keeping the outstanding Chicago Public Library (Library or CPL) truly world-class. Established in the spirit of a true public/private partnership with the City of Chicago, the Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization. As a publicly-supported entity, gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. The Foundation's mission is to support collection development, programs and technology initiatives that connect Library users to their community and to the world and ensure that all Chicagoans have the freedom to read, to learn and to discover at the Chicago Public Library.

Tax-Exempt Status

The Foundation has received notification that it qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provisions of State law and, accordingly, is not subject to federal or state income taxes.

The Foundation follows the accounting standards for contingencies in evaluating uncertain tax positions. The guidance prescribes recognition threshold principles for the financial statement recognition of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return that are not certain to be realized. No liability has been recognized by the Foundation for uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2019 and 2018. The Foundation's tax returns are subject to review and examination by federal and state authorities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers all highly-liquid, short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents. Cash includes balances held in checking, savings and money market accounts and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less, except that such instruments purchased with endowment assets are classified as investments.

The Foundation maintains cash balances in an institution which exceeds the federally insured limit of \$250,000. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Pledges Receivable, Net

Irrevocable unconditional promises to give to the Foundation are recorded in the year the pledge is made. The Foundation analyzed historical collection experience and reviewed the current status of pledges and other receivables to determine that no allowance for uncollectibles was required.

Investments

Investments consist of equity funds, hedged equity funds, real asset funds, credit funds and fixed income funds. Investments are recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices, when available. If listed prices or quotes are not available, fair value is based upon externally developed models that are unobservable inputs due to the limited market activity of the instrument. Donated investments are recorded at fair value at the date of donation, or, if sold immediately, at the amount of sales proceeds received, which is considered a fair measure of the value at the date of donation.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

Property, Equipment and Collections

The Foundation records property and equipment at cost and amortizes the cost using the straight-line method. The Foundation has adopted a policy of capitalizing collections at a nominal value in its financial statements. Although the financial statements do not disclose the cumulative value of collections, certain artwork received in 1991 as an unrestricted donation has been cataloged and preserved. Since 2003 the artwork has been displayed, on permanent loan, in the Joan W. and Irving B. Harris Theater for Music and Dance. The Theater carries a \$2 million insurance policy on this artwork.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Foundation are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment. The board designated funds are for programs at the libraries such as programs at the Lincoln Park branch library, support for the Teacher in the Library and other children programs.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

To ensure the observance of limitations and stipulations placed on the use of available resources, the Foundation maintains its internal financial accounts in accordance with the principles and practices of fund accounting. This is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting purposes into funds established in accordance with their nature or purpose.

The Foundation reports contributions restricted by donors as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Board Designated Net Assets

The governing board has the ability to designate identified amounts of net assets without donor restrictions to be used by management for specific future projects or activities. These designations can be modified or removed by the governing board at any time. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment. The board designated funds are for programs at the libraries such as programs at the Lincoln Park branch library, support for the Teacher in the Library and other children programs.

Operations

The Foundation's change in net assets from operating activities includes all operating revenues and expenses that are an integral part of its programs and supporting activities, net assets released from donor restrictions to support operating expenditures, and transfers from board-designated and other non-operating funds to support current operating activities. The measure of operations includes support for operating activities from both donor-restricted net assets and net assets without donor restrictions designated for long-term investment (the donor-restricted and quasi-endowment) according to the Foundation's spending policy, which is detailed in Note 6. The measure of operations excludes investment return in excess (less than) amounts made available for current support.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional pledges to give, represent amounts raised from the public and are recognized in the period received. Conditional promises are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Gifts received for perpetual endowment funds are reported as non-operating revenues in the statement of activities. The Foundation reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets.

Contributions from board members were approximately \$1,272,000 and \$2,149,000 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Donated Services

Contributions of services are recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Such services, as valued by the donors, totaled \$110,975 and \$94,690 on December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and are reflected as support and expense in the statements of activities. In addition, various board members donated personal services to the Foundation. These donated services are not reflected in the financial statements since the services are not required to be recorded.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition

The Foundation records special events revenue equal to the fair value of direct benefits to donors, and contribution income for the excess received when the event takes place. The Foundation has adopted Accounting Standard Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, as amended as management believes the standard improves the usefulness and understandability of the Foundation's financial reporting.

Analysis of various provisions of this standard resulted in no significant changes in the way the Foundation recognizes revenue, therefore no changes to the previously issued audited financial statements were required on a retrospective basis. The presentation and disclosures of revenue have been enhanced in accordance with the standard.

Endowment Income

The Foundation adopted a spending policy directed at meeting current operational budget requirements. The Foundation's policy has been to expend 4.5 percent of a four-year rolling average of the market value of the Foundation's investments as of each December 31, as audited.

Endowment yields that are in excess of the spending policy are returned to the endowment and reinvested. However, if endowment yields are not sufficient to support the spending policy, the balance is provided from realized capital gains. The difference between the actual yield on endowment investments and the spending rate is reported as a nonoperating excess or deficit.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

Grants to the Library

The Foundation recognizes unconditional promises to make grants to the Library as expenses in the period made. Conditional promises to give, however, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Grant obligations are measured at their fair values.

Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to one or more program or supporting functions of the Foundation. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. These expenses include depreciation, insurance, printing and publishing, advertising and marketing, and other miscellaneous items. Depreciation and other occupancy costs are allocated based on square footage. Other allocated costs, including salaries and wages, were allocated on estimates of time and effort.

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 amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Pronouncements, Not Yet Effective

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) that amends the treatment for leases. The new accounting model for leases capitalizes all leases greater than twelve months, both capital and operating, as assets and liabilities on the statement of financial position. During 2018, additional updates were issued which permit an entity to elect an optional transition practical expedient to not evaluate land easements that existed or expired before the entity's adoption of Topic 842 and were not previously accounted for under ASC 840; address narrow aspects of the guidance originally issued; provide entities with an additional (and optional) transition method whereby an entity initially applies the new leases standard at the adoption date and recognizes a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of net assets in the period of adoption and also provides lessors with a practical expedient, by class of underlying asset, to not separate non-lease components from the associated lease component and, instead, to account for those components as a single component; and address sales and other similar taxes collected from lessees, certain lessor costs, and the recognition of variable payments for contracts with lease and non-lease components. The Foundation will be required to apply the standard for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020 (2021). Early adoption is permitted. Management is currently assessing the effect that ASU No. 2016-02 will have on its financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

2. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined in the accounting guidance as the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the assets or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measure date. Under this guidance, a three-level hierarchy is used for fair value measurements which are based on the transparency of information, such as pricing source, used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Financial instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories.

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. This includes quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3 - Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk) using the best information available in the circumstances, which may include using the reporting entity's own data.

Valuation Techniques and Inputs

Level 1 - Level 1 assets include investments in mutual funds for which quoted prices are readily available.

There have been no changes in techniques and inputs used as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

While the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

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The following table presents information about the Foundation's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2019 based upon the three-tier hierarchy:

			20	19			
		Total	Level 1	Le	vel 2	Lev	el 3
Mutual funds:							
U.S. equity funds	\$	10,035,287	\$ 10,035,287	\$	-	\$	_
Non U.S. equity funds		5,623,058	5,623,058		-		-
Global equity funds		4,187,195	4,187,195		-		-
Real asset funds		1,317,201	1,317,201		-		-
Credit funds		1,162,501	1,162,501		-		-
Fixed income funds		5,320,873	 5,320,873		-		
Total assets recorded							
at fair value		27,646,115	\$ 27,646,115	\$	-	\$	
Alternative investments valued at net asset value		31,607					
Total investments at fair value		27,677,722					
Cash and cash equivalents at cost		62,203					
Total per statement of financial position	\$_	27,739,925					

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The following table presents information about the Foundation's assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2018 based upon the three-tier hierarchy:

	2018												
		Total		Level 1	Leve	el 2	Lev	el 3					
Mutual funds:													
U.S. equity funds	\$	8,083,901	\$	8,083,901	\$	-	\$	_					
Non U.S. equity funds	•	4,557,348		4,557,348	·	-	·	-					
Global equity funds		3,534,118		3,534,118		-		-					
Real asset funds		1,191,222		1,191,222		-		-					
Credit funds		2,067,134		2,067,134		-		-					
Fixed income funds		4,443,014		4,443,014		-		-					
Total assets recorded at fair value		23,876,737	\$_	23,876,737	\$	<u>-</u>	\$						
Alternative investments valued at net asset value		46,037											
Total investments at fair value		23,922,774											
Cash and cash equivalents at cost		20,917											
Total per statement of financial position	\$	23,943,691											

The fair value of certain alternative investment funds has been estimated using Net Asset Value (NAV) as reported by the management of the fund.

As of December 31, 2019, the Foundation held two funds that are reported at NAV. The first is a hedged equity fund that is in liquidation mode with a valuation of \$27,770. The second is an absolute return fund that the Foundation sold during 2018 and are awaiting the final distribution from the sale with a valuation of \$3,837.

As of December 31, 2018, the Foundation held two funds that are reported at NAV. The first is a hedged equity fund that is in liquidation mode with a valuation of \$27,296. The second is an absolute return fund that the Foundation sold during 2018 and are awaiting the final distribution from the sale with a valuation of \$18,741.

3. Pledges Receivable, Net

Promises to give at December 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	 2019	 2018
Receivables due in less than one year Receivables due in one to three years	\$ 538,984 235,000	\$ 1,363,886 479,188
Pledges receivable, net	\$ 773,984	\$ 1,843,074

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4. Investments

The market value of investments held by the Foundation as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 are summarized as follows:

		2019	2018		
U.S. equity funds	\$	10,035,287	\$ 8,083,901		
Non U.S. equity funds		5,623,058	4,557,348		
Global equity funds		4,187,195	3,534,118		
Hedged equity funds		31,607	46,037		
Real asset funds		1,317,201	1,191,222		
Credit funds		1,162,501	2,067,134		
Fixed income funds		5,320,873	4,443,014		
Cash and cash equivalents		62,203	 20,917		
Total	\$_	27,739,925	\$ 23,943,691		

The following schedule summarizes the Foundation's investment return and related expenses on endowment funds and their classification in the statements of activities:

	2019	2018		
Investment return: Dividends and interest	\$ 548,309	\$ 500,558		
Less investment management fees	 6,593	 16,325		
Net	541,716	484,233		
Less investment yield used to support current operations	 1,075,984	 1,094,444		
Endowment deficit	(534,268)	(610,211)		
Net gains (losses) on investments	 4,330,534	 (2,435,481)		
Investment return in excess (deficit) of amounts used to support current operations	\$ 3,796,266	\$ (3,045,692)		

Investments, in general, are subject to various risks, including credit, interest rate and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the Foundation's investment balances and the amounts reported on the statements of financial position.

The Foundation's investment strategy incorporates a diversified asset allocation approach and maintains, within defined limits, exposure to the international equity, hedged equity markets and an equity portfolio which participates in a securities lending program. This strategy provides the Foundation with a long-term asset mix that is most likely to meet the Foundation's long-term return goals with the appropriate level of risk.

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Alternative investments were entered into to diversify the Foundation's portfolio. The Foundation's management, the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors and the Foundation's external investment consultant review reports provided by the general partners and hedge fund managers on a regular basis and the Foundation's external investment consultant attends meetings of the various general partners and hedge fund managers in order to evaluate the risk associated with these investments. In addition, the Foundation monitors its portfolio mix to ensure that it is in accordance with the Board of Directors' policy.

5. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes at December 31:

	2019			2018		
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:						
Children's programs	\$	923,227	\$	1,243,650		
Teen programs	•	33,725	•	738,305		
Technology access		484,241		498,710		
Collections and cultural programs		289,249		230,485		
Branch programs		287,630		293,366		
Other library programs		355,413		478,115		
Frazin innovation fund		143,613		142,863		
General support		330,000		315,000		
		2,847,098		3,940,494		
Endowments:						
Subject to appropriations and expenditure						
when a specified event occurs		4,918,934		1,420,411		
Restricted in perpetuity		8,641,882		8,641,882		
Total endowments		13,560,816		10,062,293		
	\$	16,407,914	\$	14,002,787		

6. Endowment Funds

The Foundation's endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds [30 funds] and funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments [3 funds], for a variety of purposes. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, there were no such donor stipulations. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of the gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure by us in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

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In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1. The duration and preservation of the fund
- 2. The purposes of the Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 3. General economic conditions
- 4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- 5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- 6. Other resources of the Foundation
- 7. The Investment policies of the Foundation

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Foundation must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s) as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets are expected to outperform a custom benchmark (the Allocation Index) consisting of the appropriate indices of each asset class and their proportional weighting in the portfolio.

The Allocation Index is constructed by selecting appropriate indices (e.g., S&P 500, Russell 2000, MSCI EAFE, etc.) and assigning beginning of the quarter weighting by asset class. The total return of the invested assets is expected to exceed the total return of the Allocation Index.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investment to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There were no underwater endowments as of December 31, 2019 and 2018.

The Foundation has an endowment distribution policy that determines a maximum spending rate of 4.5 percent applied to a rolling four year average of the fair value of endowment investments. In establishing this policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, the long-term goal is to achieve a rate of growth sufficient to meet the Foundation's spending needs, while maintaining the inflation-adjusted principal of the endowment funds. If actual earnings for any year are less than the current year spending rule, the deficiency is drawn from prior years' amounts that have accumulated but not been spent. The amount of investment income included in operating revenues totaled \$1,075,984 and \$1,094,444 for 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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As of December 31, 2019 and 2018, we had the following endowment net asset composition by type of fund:

	2019						
	Without Donor Restrictions		_	Vith Donor estrictions	Total		
Board-designated endowment funds	\$	1,283,545	\$	-	\$	1,283,545	
Donor-restricted endowment funds: Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in							
perpetuity by donor		-		8,641,882		8,641,882	
Accumulated investment gain				4,918,934		4,918,934	
	\$	1,283,545	\$	13,560,816	\$	14,844,361	
				2018			
	Without Donor Restrictions		_	Vith Donor estrictions	Total		
Board-designated endowment funds	\$	952,400	\$	-	\$	952,400	
Donor-restricted endowment funds: Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in							
perpetuity by donor		-		8,641,882		8,641,882	
Accumulated investment gain		-		1,420,411		1,420,411	
-	\$	952,400	\$	10,062,293	\$	11,014,693	

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	2019					
	Without Donor Restrictions			Vith Donor estrictions		Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Investment return, net Appropriation of endowment assets	\$	952,400 707,739	\$	10,062,293 4,197,913	\$	11,014,693 4,905,652
pursuant to spending-rate policy: Other changes: Distribution from board-designated endowment pursuant to distribution		-		(699,390)		(699,390)
policy		(376,594)				(376,594)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	1,283,545	\$	13,560,816	\$	14,844,361

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	2018						
		thout Donor estrictions	_	Vith Donor estrictions	Total		
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Investment return, net Appropriation of endowment assets	\$	1,215,750 119,638	\$	12,844,635 (2,070,886)	\$	14,060,385 (1,951,248)	
Other changes: Distribution from board-designated endowment pursuant to distribution		-		(711,456)		(711,456)	
policy		(382,988)				(382,988)	
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	952,400	\$	10,062,293	\$	11,014,693	

7. Retirement Plan

The Foundation established a 403(b) defined contribution plan covering all employees working 30 hours or more each week, for which it makes discretionary contributions. Contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were \$78,405 and \$70,368, respectively.

8. Special Events

The Foundation holds one significant fund raising event - an annual dinner at which the Carl Sandburg Literary Award pays tribute to a writer whose work has helped enhance the public's awareness of the written word and reflects the Foundation's and the Chicago Public Library's commitment to the freedom of all people to read, to learn and to discover. The following is a financial summary of that event:

	2019	2018		
Contributions	\$ 1,844,801	\$	2,197,035	
Donated services	236,077		275,008	
Less expenses, including costs of direct benefits to donors of				
\$139,500 (2019) and \$147,900 (2018)	 (643,380)		(685,320)	
Special event revenue, net of expenses	\$ 1,437,498	\$	1,786,723	

9. Operating Leases

Effective March 1, 2014, the Foundation signed a lease amendment to occupy office space. This lease expires June 30, 2020. Lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 totaled \$36,497 and \$35,444, respectively. Future minimum lease payments are:

Year ending December 31: 2020 \$ 18,337

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In April 2016, the Foundation leased a new copier for a term of five years that expires in March 2021. Lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 totaled \$6,902 and \$7,857, respectively. Future minimum lease payments are:

Years ending December 31:	
2020	\$ 6,768
2021	 1,692
	\$ 8,460

10. Liquidity and Funds Available

The Foundation has financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date for general expenditures as follows:

	2019			2018		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,810,249	\$	2,976,601		
Accrued interest/dividends receivable	·	48,446	•	27,968		
Pledges receivable		538,984		1,363,886		
Investments available for general operations		12,895,564		12,928,998		
Financial assets available to meet cash needs						
for general expenditures for one year	\$_	16,293,243	\$	17,297,453		

It is the Foundation's practice to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. Although the Foundation does not intend to spend from its board-designated investments other than amounts appropriated for general expenditures as part of its annual budget approval and appropriations process, amounts from its board-designated investments could be made available, if necessary.

11. Subsequent Events

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through June 11, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were approved and available to be issued, for events requiring recording or disclosure in the Foundation's financial statements.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported in China. In the first several months of 2020, the virus and resulting disease, COVID-19, spread to the United States, including to the geographic location in which the Foundation operates. As of the date above, the Foundation's evaluation of the effects of these events is ongoing. However, subsequent to December 31, 2019, the Foundation has experienced a significant decline in their investment values.

In addition, in April 2020, the Foundation applied for and was approved for a loan pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The PPP was authorized in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. The Foundation received a loan in the amount of \$147,500 and there are no collateral or guarantee requirements. Under the terms of the PPP, payments will be deferred to October 2020, the loan will bear interest at 1% per annum, and will mature in April 2022. Subject to certain eligibility and certification requirements under the PPP, some or all of the loan amount may be forgiven; however, the amount and timing of any forgiveness is uncertain.

The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the Foundation's operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related governmental or other regulatory actions.

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Changes in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions, Purpose Restrictions
Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Balance lanuary 1, 2019	ar	entributions ad Pledges Received	•	ecial Event Revenue	Ī	let Assets Released From estrictions		Balance cember 31, 2019
Children's Programs	\$	1,243,650	\$	956,623	\$	26,500	\$	1,303,546	\$	923,227
Teen Programs	·	697,140	•	50,800	·	25,000	·	739,215	·	33,725
Technology Access		539,875		357,611		15,000		428,245		484,241
Collections and Cultural Programs		230,485		171,150		-		112,386		289,249
Branch Programs		293,366		67,807		-		73,543		287,630
Other Library Programs		478,115		150,000		-		272,702		355,413
Frazin Innovation Fund		142,863		750		-		-		143,613
General Support		315,000				50,000		35,000		330,000
Totals	\$	3,940,494	\$	1,754,741	\$	116,500	\$	2,964,637	\$	2,847,098

Changes in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions, Perpetual In Nature and Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Designated by the Board Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Principal Balance at January 1, 2019	Contributions Received (Expended)	Principal Balance at December 31, 2019	Cumulative Available for Long-Term Investment *	Endowment Balance at December 31, 2019
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions					
Perpetual in Nature (Endowment)					
AON Corporation Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 18,497	\$ 48,497
Arthur Andersen Fund I	37,500	-	37,500	23,266	60,766
Arthur Andersen Fund II	37,500	-	37,500	23,266	60,766
Blum-Kovler Foundation Fund	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	620,304	1,620,304
City of Chicago Humanities Fund	138,920	-	138,920	86,272	225,192
CPLF Gala 1998	208,000	-	208,000	124,789	332,789
CPLF Sandburg Awards Dinner 2000	202,000	-	202,000	80,495	282,495
Arie & Ida Crown Memorial Fund	250,000	-	250,000	154,902	404,902
Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	100,000	-	100,000	61,550	161,550
First National Bank of Chicago	80,000	-	80,000	49,635	129,635
Friends of the Chicago Public Library	219,397	-	219,397	120,020	339,417
James S. Kemper Foundation Fund	75,000	-	75,000	46,504	121,504
Chauncey & Marion Deering					
McCormick Foundation	100,000	-	100,000	61,660	161,660
MacArthur Foundation Fund	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	775,909	2,025,909
NEH Challenge Grant	599,173	-	599,173	372,202	971,375
John Nuveen Fund	30,000	-	30,000	18,622	48,622
Albert Pick, Jr. Fund	750,000	-	750,000	464,733	1,214,733
Polk Bros. Foundation Fund	60,000	-	60,000	37,247	97,247
Prince Charitable Trusts Fund	150,000	-	150,000	93,097	243,097
Pritzker Foundation Fund I	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	569,346	1,569,346
Pritzker Foundation Fund II	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	314,209	1,314,209
Sagan/Hill Fund	20,000	-	20,000	12,063	32,063
Salomon Foundation Fund	50,000	-	50,000	31,023	81,023
Sears Family Literature Fund	150,000	-	150,000	89,993	239,993
WH Smith Fund	50,000	-	50,000	31,068	81,068
Stone Container Corporation Fund	30,000	-	30,000	18,582	48,582
United Airlines Fund	100,000	-	100,000	62,019	162,019
Madeline Block Willner Fund	50,000	-	50,000	31,042	81,042
Oprah Winfrey Fund	100,000	-	100,000	62,031	162,031
Laura Weber Bequest	774,392		774,392	464,588	1,238,980
Total net assets perpetual in nature	8,641,882		8,641,882	4,918,934	13,560,816
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions Designated by the Board					
Friends of the Lincoln Park Branch Library	130,000	-	130,000	(11,903)	118,097
Gould Foundation	976,571	_	976,571	(37,909)	938,662
Jesse Jones Children's Charitable	370,071		370,371	(01,303)	300,002
Remainder Trust	223,907		223,907	2,879	226,786
Total net assets designated by the Board	1,330,478		1,330,478	(46,933)	1,283,545
Total endowment funds	\$ 9,972,360	\$ -	\$ 9,972,360	\$ 4,872,001	\$ 14,844,361

^{*} Board policy is to designate for investment the cumulative excess of actual investment income earned over the 4.5% spending rate in order to preserve the value of the endowment funds.

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Allocation of 4.5 Percent Spending Policy as Designated by the Board Year Ended December 31, 2019

		For Books and/or	Total
	General	Programs	Expendable
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions			
(Endowment Restricted in Perpetuity)			
AON Corporation Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,523	\$ 3,523
Arthur Andersen Fund I	-	4,406	4,406
Arthur Andersen Fund II	_	4,406	4,406
Blum-Kovler Foundation Fund	_	117,478	117,478
City of Chicago Humanities Fund	_	16,327	16,327
CPLF Gala 1998	_	24,128	24,128
CPLF Sandburg Awards Dinner 2000	18,315	2,166	20,481
Arie & Ida Crown Memorial Fund	-	29,357	29,357
Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation	_	11,713	11,713
First National Bank of Chicago	_	9,106	9,106
Friends of the Library	_	24,609	24,609
James S. Kemper Foundation Fund	_	8,810	8,810
Chauncey & Marion Deering McCormick	_	11,721	11,721
Foundation Fund		,	,
MacArthur Foundation Fund	146,886	-	146,886
NEH Challenge Grant	-	70,428	70,428
John Nuveen Fund	_	3,525	3,525
Albert Pick, Jr. Fund	_	88,073	88,073
Polk Bros. Foundation Fund	_	7,051	7,051
Prince Charitable Trusts Fund	_	17,625	17,625
Pritzker Foundation Fund I	113,783	-	113,783
Pritzker Foundation Fund II	95,285	-	95,285
Sagan/Hill Fund	2,325	-	2,325
Salomon Foundation Fund	, -	5,875	5,875
Sears Family Literature Fund	_	17,400	17,400
WH Smith Fund	_	5,878	5,878
Stone Container Corporation Fund	-	3,522	3,522
United Airlines Fund	-	11,747	11,747
Madeline Block Willner Fund	_	5,876	5,876
Oprah Winfrey Fund	_	11,748	11,748
Laura Weber Bequest	_	89,831	89,831
	376,594	606,329	982,923
Board-Designated Net Assets Without Donor Restriction			
Friends of Lincoln Park Branch Library	_	8,562	8,562
Gould Foundation	<u>-</u>	68,056	68,056
Jesse O. Jones Children's Charitable Remainder Trust	<u>-</u>	16,443	16,443
5555 5. Serios Children Charles Normaniael Trust			
		93,061	93,061
Total endowment income expendable	\$ 376,594	\$ 699,390	\$ 1,075,984