

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
REPORT OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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

To the Board of Directors of
Illinois Heartland Library System

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Illinois Heartland Library System (the "System"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 2, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the System's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters


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

Illinois Heartland Library System's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Illinois Heartland Library System's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The System's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the System's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Alton, Illinois
September 2, 2025



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors of
Illinois Heartland Library System

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Illinois Heartland Library System's (the "System") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the System's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The System's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Illinois Heartland Library System complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Illinois Heartland Library System and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the System's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibility of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the System's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the System's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the System's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the System's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the System's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the System's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Illinois Heartland Library System (the "System"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated September 2, 2025, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance 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 basic 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 basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Alton, Illinois
September 2, 2025

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Federal Grantor				
Agency/Program	Federal	Pass-Through		
<i>Pass-Through Grantor</i>	AL	Entity		
Title/Grant Name	Number	Identifying	Federal	
		Number	Expenditures	
National Endowment for the Humanities				
Institute of Museum and Library Services Discretionary Awards				
Grants to States Program				
<i>Passed through the Illinois State Library</i>				
Operating Grant	45.310	N/A	\$ 659,722	
Library Trustee Training Grant	45.310	N/A	166,321	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 826,043</u>	

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Illinois Heartland Library System under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Illinois Heartland Library System, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Illinois Heartland Library System.

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Federal awards passed through other governmental agencies are included on the Schedule.

Noncash Assistance, Federal Insurance and Loans/Loan Guarantees

Illinois Heartland Library System did not receive any noncash assistance, federal guaranteed loans, or federal insurance for any of its programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Subrecipient Monitoring

Illinois Heartland Library System did not pass through any of its federal funds to subrecipients during the year ended June 30, 2025.

Indirect Cost Rate

Illinois Heartland Library System elected to use the 10% de minimus cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued: Unmodified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

Material Weaknesses Identified? No

Significant Deficiencies Identified That Are Not Considered to Be Material Weaknesses?
Yes, See 2025-001

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

Material Weaknesses Identified? No

Significant Deficiencies Identified That Are Not Considered To Be Material Weaknesses?
No

Type of Auditor's Report Issued On Compliance For Major Programs: Unmodified

Audit Findings Required to be Reported in Accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a): No

Major Programs

<u>AL Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
45.310	Grants to States Program

Dollar Threshold Used To Determine Between Type A and Type B Programs: \$750,000

Auditee does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Finding 2025-001 – Internal Control over Financial Statements

Statement of Condition – The System does not prepare their own set of annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Criteria – An Organization is considered to have a deficiency when it does not have the personnel or staff with sufficient training or expertise to prepare the System's financial statements and relies on the auditor to assist in the preparation of the annual financial statements.

Effect of Condition – Management may not be able to reasonably determine that a material misstatement exists nor allow them to prevent, detect, nor correct one on a timely basis.

Cause of Condition – The System does not have personnel or staff with sufficient training or expertise to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Recommendation – The System should consider the costs and benefits of hiring additional expertise or training existing accounting staff to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions – We believe our accounting staff maintains adequate books and records of the System's transactions. Additionally, we do not believe it is cost beneficial to hire additional accounting expertise to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards discussed above.

ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

FINDING – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Finding 2024-001 – Internal Control over Financial Statements

Statement of Condition – The System does not prepare their own set of annual financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Criteria – An Organization is considered to have a deficiency when it does not have the personnel or staff with sufficient training or expertise to prepare the System's financial statements and relies on the auditor to assist in the preparation of the annual financial statements.

Effect of Condition – Management may not be able to reasonably determine that a material misstatement exists nor allow them to prevent, detect, nor correct one on a timely basis.

Cause of Condition – The System does not have personnel or staff with sufficient training or expertise to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Recommendation – The System should consider the costs and benefits of hiring additional expertise or training existing accounting staff to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions – We believe our accounting staff maintains adequate books and records of the System's transactions. Additionally, we do not believe it is cost beneficial to hire additional accounting expertise to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards discussed above.

Current Status – The System believes its accounting staff maintains adequate books and records of the System's transactions. Additionally, the System does not believe it is cost beneficial to hire additional accounting expertise to ensure its annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards discussed above. This finding is recurring and is listed as 2025-001.

September 2, 2025

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Illinois State Library

The Illinois Heartland Library System respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Scheffel Boyle
322 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Audit Period: For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

The findings from the June 30, 2025, schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Significant Deficiency

2025-001

Condition: Illinois Heartland Library System relies on its auditors for the preparation of the System's financial statements, and related disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: The System should consider the costs and benefits of hiring additional expertise or training accounting staff to ensure the System's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

View of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action: Management has considered the recommendation but feels that the accounting staff maintains adequate books and records of the System's transactions. Additionally, management does not believe that it is cost beneficial to hire additional accounting expertise to ensure the System's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

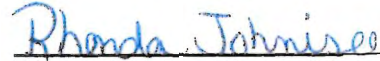
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If the Illinois State Library has any questions regarding this plan, contact Leslie Bednar at 618-656-3216.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie Bednar, Executive Director



Rhonda Johnisee, Finance Director