

**Houston Public
Library Foundation**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2018 and 2017



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Houston Public Library Foundation
Houston, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Houston Public Library Foundation (a component unit of the City of Houston), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and the related notes to the financial statements, which comprise Houston Public Library Foundation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 our 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 opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Houston Public Library Foundation, as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the respective changes in its financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Carly Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Houston, Texas
September 24, 2018

Houston Public Library Foundation Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of Houston Public Library Foundation's (the Foundation) financial statements provides an overview of the Foundation's financial performance during the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. This discussion and analysis includes comparative data for the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017 with a brief explanation for significant changes between fiscal years. Since the Management's Discussion and Analysis is designed to focus on current activities, resulting changes and current known facts, please read in conjunction with the Foundation's basic financial statements and the footnotes.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal 2018

- The Foundation made its annual endowment allocation to the Houston Public Library (HPL) in the amount of \$908,000. This grant results from the 25 endowed funds managed by the Foundation. The endowments' spending plan is a formula based upon the rolling average of the preceding 12 quarters.
- The Foundation allocated an additional \$135,500 for HPL programs from unrestricted operating reserves.
- A one-time supplemental grant of \$840,917 was made to HPL in an effort to offset budget cuts from the City of Houston for the fiscal year in the areas of books/materials and technology.
- Friends of the Houston Public Library made a \$50,000 annual allocation to HPL.
- As of June 30, 2018, the Foundation held \$19.4 million for HPL programs, including the original \$2.1 million corpus of the Foundation's endowments that is permanently restricted.
- Hurricane Harvey impacted fundraising for the Foundation and for HPL programs. In the aftermath of the storm, the Foundation shifted its fundraising focus to hurricane recovery in support of the seven neighborhood libraries that received significant damage and therefore closed on an interim basis. The funding focused on purchasing a new Mobile Express Unit that would visit the impacted areas on a rotational schedule. Additional funds purchased book vending machines and replaced program materials.

Fiscal 2017

- The Foundation made its annual endowment allocation to the Houston Public Library (HPL) in the amount of \$930,000. This grant results from the 25 endowed funds managed by the Foundation. The endowments' spending plan is a formula based upon the rolling average of the preceding 12 quarters.
- Investment income was stronger in fiscal year 2017, and the endowments closed the year just over \$19.8 million.
- As of June 30, 2017, the Foundation held \$18.8 million for HPL programs, including the original \$2.1 million corpus of the Foundation's endowments that is permanently restricted.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Foundation's basic financial statements. According to the definition by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the Foundation qualifies as a special purpose government with one program – support and advocacy for the Houston Public Library.

Houston Public Library Foundation Management's Discussion and Analysis

Government-wide financial statements reflect an economic resources measurement focus and are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Foundation's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position shows the financial position of the Foundation at year end by presenting the Foundation's assets and liabilities, with the difference between assets and liabilities presented as net position. The Statement of Activities presents information showing changes in the Foundation's net position during the year. Changes in net position are reported when an underlying event giving rise to a change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Therefore, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods.

Governmental fund financial statements reflect a current financial resources measurement focus and are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements present information showing the near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources and the balances of spendable resources at year end. Reconciliation between the government-wide financial statements and the governmental fund financial statements is reflected in a separate adjustments column.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. The following table reflects condensed information on the Foundation's net position:

<i>June 30,</i>	2018	2017	Increase (Decrease) 2018 -2017	2016	Increase (Decrease) 2017 -2016
Cash and investments	\$ 21,323,564	\$ 21,057,619	\$ 265,945	\$ 20,321,185	\$ 736,434
Other assets	1,015,721	1,058,340	(42,619)	40,119	1,018,221
Total assets	\$ 22,339,285	\$ 22,115,959	\$ 223,326	\$ 20,361,304	\$ 1,754,655
Total liabilities	\$ 767,270	\$ 378,059	\$ 389,211	\$ 493,255	\$ (115,196)
Net position					
Restricted	\$ 18,324,111	\$ 17,838,835	\$ 485,276	\$ 15,707,444	\$ 2,131,391
Unrestricted	3,247,904	3,899,065	(651,161)	4,160,605	(261,540)
Total net position	\$ 21,572,015	\$ 21,737,900	\$ (165,885)	\$ 19,868,049	\$ 1,869,851

Houston Public Library Foundation Management's Discussion and Analysis

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities presents the operating results of the Foundation. The following table reflects condensed information on the Foundation's operations:

<i>For the years ended June 30,</i>	2018	2017	Increase (Decrease) 2018 -2017	2016	Increase (Decrease) 2017 -2016
Expenses					
Programmatic	\$ 3,405,597	\$ 2,339,740	\$ 1,065,857	\$ 1,888,696	\$ 451,044
Other	545,084	403,550	141,534	271,506	132,044
Total expenses	3,950,681	2,743,290	1,207,391	2,160,202	583,088
Revenues					
Investment income	1,896,038	2,274,184	(378,146)	238,398	2,035,786
Contributions and other income	1,888,758	2,338,957	(450,199)	595,360	1,743,597
Total revenue	3,784,796	4,613,141	(828,345)	833,758	3,779,383
Changes in net position	(165,885)	1,869,851	(2,035,736)	(1,326,444)	3,196,295
Net position, beginning of year	21,737,900	19,868,049	1,869,851	21,194,493	(1,326,444)
Net position, end of year	\$ 21,572,015	\$ 21,737,900	\$ (165,885)	\$ 19,868,049	\$ 1,869,851

Fiscal 2018

The Foundation's investment portfolio reflects gains in the value of certain securities as well dividend income. The overall annual return for the portfolio was 9.6%. The total value of the portfolio at June 30, 2018 was approximately \$19.7 million and represents an increased position over the prior year.

Non-investment revenues related to contributions, special events, and book sales decreased from \$2,338,957 in Fiscal 2017 to \$1,888,758 in Fiscal 2018.

The other assets balance at June 30, 2018, which comprises pledges receivable and prepaids, was \$1,015,721, which represents a minor decreased position over the prior year due to collections.

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Fiscal 2017

The Foundation's investment portfolio reflects gains in the value of certain securities as well dividend income. The overall annual return for the portfolio was 11.4%. The total value of the portfolio at June 30, 2017 was approximately \$19.9 million and represents an increased position over the prior year.

Non-investment revenues related to contributions, special events, and book sales increased significantly from \$595,360 in Fiscal 2016 to \$2,338,957 in Fiscal 2017, which includes \$1,530,420 toward the Barbara Bush Literacy's Plaza capital campaign.

The other assets balance at June 30, 2017, which comprises pledges receivable and prepaids, was approximately \$1,018,000, which represents an increased position over the prior year due to pledges made by donors for the Barbara Bush Literacy's Plaza capital campaign in fiscal year 2017.

Governmental Funds

At June 30, 2018, the Foundation's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$20.5 million, which is an approximate \$123,000 decrease over the prior year. At June 30, 2018, the Foundation's governmental funds were comprised of financial assets raised specifically for Houston Public Library programs and funds raised in prior years that were released for program use. In total during the year, HPL received a \$908,000 in endowment allocation, an additional \$135,500 from unrestricted operating reserves, one-time supplemental grant of \$840,917, and \$50,000 from Friends of the Houston Public Library. The Foundation raised \$1,008,679 in program funds for the HPL during the fiscal year, of which \$489,364 were released to HPL, and \$150,000 of funds raised in prior years were released to HPL. The \$2,573,781 total of releases does not include funds specifically raised for the capital improvement project related to the Library Plaza, now known as the Barbara Bush Literacy Plaza. During the year, the Foundation raised \$600,435 for the Library Plaza and released \$400,000 to the City of Houston for construction plan preparation. HPLF will retain the remaining funds until they are released to the City of Houston for construction.

At June 30, 2017, the Foundation's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of approximately \$20.7 million, which is an approximately \$852,000 increase over the prior year. At June 30, 2017, the Foundation's governmental funds were comprised of financial assets raised specifically for Houston Public Library programs and funds raised in prior years that were released for program use. In total, Houston Public Library received a \$930,000 endowment allocation, \$453,203 in program funds raised during the fiscal year, and the release of \$117,843 of funds raised in prior years. The \$1,501,046 total does not include funds specifically raised for the capital improvement project to the Library Plaza, now known as the Barbara Bush Literacy Plaza, of \$1,530,420.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The Fiscal 2019 marks the second year of a three-year growth strategy that focuses on establishing business excellence, increasing awareness and community support, building strong relationships, and raising funds for financial independence and programmatic support. By 2020, the realized goals will lead the Foundation into a strong financial position that not only increases funding for essential library programs but also values strong partnerships within the community.

Houston Public Library Foundation Management's Discussion and Analysis

FUTURE PROJECTS (continued)

This growth mindset will lead to a culture of philanthropy where everyone involved sees themselves as an essential member contributing to mission delivery.

An indispensable piece of this work is to create top-of-mind recognition in the community from the combined and common purpose of the Foundation, and its component, Friends of HPL. The combined organization exists to benefit the Houston Public Library. Our unified organization builds upon respective strengths while creating operational efficiencies. A new revenue growth project includes opening a volunteer-run retail space in the Central Library where Houstonians can purchase book-related merchandise and specialty gift items. All net proceeds will benefit library programs. The opening date is anticipated in the second quarter of the 2019 fiscal year.

The Foundation plans to complete the Barbara Bush Literacy Plaza fundraising with a public campaign to raise the final \$1 million of the \$5.5 million campaign.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The reader is referred to the notes to the financial statements for a more complete understanding of the financial statements of the Foundation. They contain a summary of the significant accounting policies as well as other information.

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The financial report is designed to discuss issues that may be material to the operation of the Foundation. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Houston Public Library Foundation, 550 McKinney Street Houston, TX 77002.

Houston Public Library Foundation Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position

<i>June 30, 2018</i>	General Fund	Permanent Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets					
Cash	\$ 542,636	\$ 1,048,720	\$ 1,591,356	\$ -	\$ 1,591,356
Investments	3,566	19,728,642	19,732,208	-	19,732,208
Pledges receivable	6,847	800,752	807,599	-	807,599
Other assets	-	-	-	208,122	208,122
Total assets	\$ 553,049	\$ 21,578,114	\$ 22,131,163	\$ 208,122	\$ 22,339,285
Liabilities and fund balances					
Liabilities					
Accrued expenses and grant payable	\$ 92,805	\$ -	\$ 92,805	\$ -	92,805
Funds held for others	674,465	-	674,465	-	674,465
Unearned revenue	6,847	800,752	807,599	(807,599)	-
Total liabilities	774,117	800,752	1,574,869	(807,599)	767,270
Fund balances					
Nonspendable					
Library programs	-	2,021,039	2,021,039	(2,021,039)	-
Library staff benefits	-	45,000	45,000	(45,000)	-
Restricted for					
Library programs	-	14,889,475	14,889,475	(14,889,475)	-
Library staff benefits	-	352,876	352,876	(352,876)	-
Committed for library programs	-	2,099,855	2,099,855	(2,099,855)	-
Assigned for long-term investment	-	1,369,117	1,369,117	(1,369,117)	-
Unassigned	(221,068)	-	(221,068)	221,068	-
Total fund balances	(221,068)	20,777,362	20,556,294	(20,556,294)	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 553,049	\$ 21,578,114	\$ 22,131,163	\$ -	\$ -
Net position					
Restricted for					
Library programs and staff benefits				\$ 16,258,072	\$ 16,258,072
Endowment for library programs and staff benefits				2,066,039	2,066,039
Unrestricted				3,247,904	3,247,904
Total net position				\$ 21,572,015	\$ 21,572,015
Total fund balances of governmental funds					\$ 20,556,294
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:					
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds					208,122
Pledges receivable are not available for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds					807,599
Net position of governmental activities					\$ 21,572,015

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Houston Public Library Foundation Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position

<i>June 30, 2017</i>	General Fund	Permanent Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
Assets					
Cash	\$ 866,536	\$ 313,971	\$ 1,180,507	\$ -	\$ 1,180,507
Investments	3,162	19,873,950	19,877,112	-	19,877,112
Pledges receivable	15,762	1,031,167	1,046,929	-	1,046,929
Other assets	-	-	-	11,411	11,411
Total assets	\$ 885,460	\$ 21,219,088	\$ 22,104,548	\$ 11,411	\$ 22,115,959
Liabilities and fund balances					
Liabilities					
Accrued expenses and grant payable	\$ 19,123	\$ -	\$ 19,123	\$ -	19,123
Funds held for others	358,936	-	358,936	-	358,936
Unearned revenue	15,762	1,031,167	1,046,929	(1,046,929)	-
Total liabilities	393,821	1,031,167	1,424,988	(1,046,929)	378,059
Fund balances					
Nonspendable					
Library programs	-	2,021,039	2,021,039	(2,021,039)	-
Library staff benefits	-	45,000	45,000	(45,000)	-
Restricted for					
Library programs	-	14,258,210	14,258,210	(14,258,210)	-
Library staff benefits	-	456,246	456,246	(456,246)	-
Committed for library programs	-	2,012,932	2,012,932	(2,012,932)	-
Assigned for long-term investment	-	1,394,494	1,394,494	(1,394,494)	-
Unassigned	491,639	-	491,639	(491,639)	-
Total fund balances	491,639	20,187,921	20,679,560	(20,679,560)	-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 885,460	\$ 21,219,088	\$ 22,104,548	\$ -	\$ -
Net position					
Restricted for					
Library programs and staff benefits				\$ 15,772,796	\$ 15,772,796
Endowment for library programs and staff benefits				2,066,039	2,066,039
Unrestricted				3,899,065	3,899,065
Total net position				\$ 21,737,900	\$ 21,737,900
Total fund balances of governmental funds					\$ 20,679,560
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:					
Other assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds					11,411
Pledges receivable are not available for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds					1,046,929
Net position of governmental activities					\$ 21,737,900

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Houston Public Library Foundation
Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances and Statement of Activities

<i>For the year ended June 30, 2018</i>	General Fund	Permanent Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Expenditures/Expenses					
Programmatic	\$ 3,602,308	\$ -	\$ 3,602,308	\$ (196,711)	\$ 3,405,597
Fundraising	358,241	-	358,241	-	358,241
Management and general	186,843	-	186,843	-	186,843
Total expenditures/expenses	4,147,392	-	4,147,392	(196,711)	3,950,681
Revenues					
Investment income	1,930	1,894,108	1,896,038	-	1,896,038
Contributions	318,431	1,629,114	1,947,545	(239,330)	1,708,215
Book sales	180,543	-	180,543	-	180,543
Transfers in/(out)	2,933,781	(2,933,781)	-	-	-
Total revenues	3,434,685	589,441	4,024,126	(239,330)	3,784,796
Changes in fund balances/net position	(712,707)	589,441	(123,266)	(42,619)	(165,885)
Fund balances/net position, beginning of year	491,639	20,187,921	20,679,560	1,058,340	21,737,900
Fund balances/net position, end of year	\$ (221,068)	\$ 20,777,362	\$ 20,556,294	\$ 1,015,721	\$ 21,572,015
Net change in fund balances of governmental funds					\$ (123,266)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:					
Change of other assets reported as expenditures in the governmental activities, however not reported as expenses in the current year on the Statement of Activities					196,711
Revenues report in the Statement of Activities in the prior years that are providing current financial resources as revenue in the government funds					(239,330)
Change in net position of governmental activities					\$ (165,885)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Houston Public Library Foundation
Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances and Statement of Activities**

<i>For the year ended June 30, 2017</i>	General Fund	Permanent Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Expenditures/Expenses					
Programmatic	\$ 2,347,154	\$ -	\$ 2,347,154	\$ (7,414)	\$ 2,339,740
Fundraising	223,124	-	223,124	-	223,124
Management and general	180,426	-	180,426	-	180,426
Total expenditures/expenses	2,750,704	-	2,750,704	(7,414)	2,743,290
Revenues					
Investment income	3,986	2,270,198	2,274,184	-	2,274,184
Contributions	157,958	944,854	1,102,812	1,010,807	2,113,619
Book sales	225,338	-	225,338	-	225,338
Transfers in/(out)	2,598,353	(2,598,353)	-	-	-
Total revenues	2,985,635	616,699	3,602,334	1,010,807	4,613,141
Changes in fund balances/net position	234,931	616,699	851,630	1,018,221	1,869,851
Fund balances/net position, beginning of year	256,708	19,571,222	19,827,930	40,119	19,868,049
Fund balances/net position, end of year	\$ 491,639	\$ 20,187,921	\$ 20,679,560	\$ 1,058,340	\$ 21,737,900
Net change in fund balances of governmental funds					\$ 851,630
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:					
Change of other assets reported as expenditures in the governmental activities, however not reported as expenses in the current year on the Statement of Activities					7,414
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the government funds					1,010,807
Change in net position of governmental activities					\$ 1,869,851

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Houston Public Library Foundation

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION

Houston Public Library Foundation (the Foundation) is a §501(c)(3) organization which supports and advocates for the Houston Public Library (HPL). A board of community leaders, appointed by the Mayor of the City of Houston (the City), governs the Foundation and its activities. Classified as a public charity under §509(a)(1) and §170(b)(1)(A)(vi), the Foundation is a component unit of the City. The operations of the Friends of the Houston Public Library are conducted as a part of the Foundation's activities.

Through advocacy and fundraising, the Foundation supports HPL's wide range of initiatives with particular emphasis on its neighborhood libraries and their community programs. The Foundation provides funding for an annual spending plan and other identified library projects and programs including neighborhood library improvements. In 2018 and 2017, programmatic grants to HPL were \$2,573,781 and \$1,609,142, respectively. Foundation offices are provided by HPL and the City.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements represent all the funds of the Houston Public Library Foundation. The Foundation is a component unit of the City of Houston. Component units are legally separate entities for which the primary government is financially accountable.

Measurement of Focus and Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements are prepared on the "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all of the Foundation's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flow.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds in the fund financial statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus and have been prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when it is measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction is known or reasonably estimable and available refers to amounts collected in the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter (60 days) to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Generally, expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred.

Houston Public Library Foundation Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Foundation reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the Foundation's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Foundation, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The permanent fund is used to account for funds invested for long-term purposes, whether permanently restricted, temporarily restricted or unrestricted.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between total assets and total liabilities. In the government-wide financial statements, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All other net position is unrestricted.

Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balances are classified based upon the relative strength of spending constraints placed upon the purposes for which resources can be used as follows:

- Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Foundation's nonspendable fund balance represents the original corpus of their endowments and is being maintained in perpetuity.
- Restricted fund balance includes amounts constrained to specific purposes either by external resource providers through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed fund balance includes amounts committed to specific purposes by the Foundation itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be modified only through Board resolution.
- Assigned fund balance includes amounts that the Foundation intends to use for specific purposes, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Assignment may be modified only through Board resolution.
- Unassigned fund balance includes amounts that are available for any purpose.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the Foundation's policy to use restricted fund balances first, then unrestricted fund balances. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned fund balances, and then unassigned fund balances when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amount in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

Budgetary Comparisons

Under GASBS No. 34, budgetary comparison information is required to be presented for the general fund and each major special revenue fund with a legally adopted budget. The Foundation is not legally required to adopt a budget for the general fund. Therefore, budget comparison information is not included in the Foundation's financial statements.

Houston Public Library Foundation Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment and Investment Return

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Recurring fair value measurements are those that Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period.

Investment return includes interest, dividends, capital gain distributions and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected within one year are reported at net realizable value. Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected in future years are discounted, if material, to estimate the present value of future cash flows. Pledges receivable are considered to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when the determination is made.

Funds Held for Others

The Foundation holds selected funds for HPL. The Foundation has limited discretion over the use of these funds. Funds held for others are included in the Foundation's cash and investments, and as a liability of the Foundation. Funding by the Foundation of HPL programs and staff benefits is made through deposits to this account. HPL controls disbursements from this fund. As of June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Foundation holds \$674,465 and \$358,936, respectively, of selected funds for HPL.

Contributions

Under both the modified accrual and the accrual basis of accounting, receivables and revenue from contributions are recognized net of estimated uncollectible amounts when all applicable eligibility requirements are met provided the commitment is verifiable and the resources are measurable and probable of collection. Revenue recognized as receivable in advance of the time period during which it may be used is deferred under the modified accrual method of accounting, but is recognized as revenue under the accrual basis of accounting and reflected as restricted net position.

Book sales

Book sales occur at the library branches, at pop-up book sales around the City and on-line via the web through online retailers. Donated books are sold and revenue is recognized at the time of the sale.

Transfers

Transfers between funds represent the transfers of resources for library program expenses.

Income Taxes

The Foundation accounts for uncertain tax positions, when it is more likely than not, that such an asset or a liability will be realized. As of June 30, 2018 and 2017, management believes there were no uncertain tax positions.

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NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Estimates

Management must make estimates and assumptions to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Fair Value Considerations

The Foundation uses fair value to measure financial and certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. All fair values are determined by external consultants. The fund investments are valued based on the underlying assets in the funds. Equity securities are valued based on the last reported sales price.

NOTE 3: DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk for deposits with financial institutions is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Foundation's deposits may not be returned to it.

As of June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the Foundation's deposits was \$1,591,356 and the bank balances totaled \$1,525,396. Deposits totaling \$1,275,396 were in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits. The Foundation entered into a depository pledge agreement with Cadence Bank, in which deposits exceeding the FDIC limits are secured by pledge collaterals.

As of June 30, 2017, the carrying amount of the Foundation's deposits was \$1,180,507 and the bank balances totaled \$1,182,781. Deposits totaling \$932,781 were in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits and were uncollateralized.

NOTE 4: INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Foundation categorizes the fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value three tier hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1 Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are either directly or indirectly observable such as 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; or other inputs not directly observable, but derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity.

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NOTE 4: INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's assets at fair value:

June 30, 2018	Quoted Market Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments			
Vanguard Admiral Shares Funds			
Total stock market index	\$ 11,016,692	\$ -	\$ -
Total bond market index adm	-	2,357,074	-
Inflation protected securities adm	-	2,363,102	-
Total international stock index adm	-	2,740,841	-
Extended market index adm	853,460	-	-
Equity securities	380,384	-	-
Money market	-	20,655	-
Total assets at fair value	\$ 12,250,536	\$ 7,481,672	\$ -

June 30, 2017	Quoted Market Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments			
Vanguard Admiral Shares Funds			
Total stock market index	\$ 10,564,609	\$ -	\$ -
Total international stock index adm	-	2,816,953	-
Total bond market index adm	-	2,610,076	-
Inflation protected securities adm	-	2,554,603	-
Extended market index adm	804,851	-	-
Equity securities	350,357	-	-
Money market	-	175,663	-
Total assets at fair value	\$ 11,719,817	\$ 8,157,295	\$ -

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NOTE 4: INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Based on Vanguard annual reports, Vanguard admiral share funds consist of numerous underlying assets such as equity securities, bonds and temporary cash investments. Equity securities are valued at the latest quoted sales prices or official closing prices taken from the primary market in which each security trades; such securities not traded on the valuation date are valued at the mean of the latest quoted bid and asked prices. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available, or whose values have been materially affected by events occurring before the fund's pricing time but after the close of the securities' primary markets, are valued by methods deemed by the board of trustees to represent fair value. Bonds, and temporary cash investments acquired over 60 days to maturity, are valued using the latest bid prices or using valuations based on a matrix system (which considers such factors as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings), both as furnished by independent pricing services.

Equity securities are valued based on prices quoted in active market for those securities.

Money market is valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value.

Credit quality ratings are not available for the admiral shares funds or money market.

The Foundation's policy is to maintain a diversified portfolio to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific investment or maturity.

Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Because of these risks, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position and statement of activities. The Foundation, in accordance with its investment policy, maintains a balanced investment portfolio and distributions are approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

Investment income consists of the following:

For the years ended June 30,	2018	2017
Interest and dividend income	\$ 444,255	\$ 467,596
Net realized/unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,451,783	1,806,588
Total investment income	\$ 1,896,038	\$ 2,274,184