

ONTARIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2000

1. Status and nature of activities

The Ontario Library Association is incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario and qualifies as a non-profit organization under provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Its purpose is to defend the democratic right of all individuals to free and equal access to information and to encourage the development and improvement of library services and programs throughout Ontario.

2. Fund accounting

The general fund accounts for current operations and programs as well as the Association's administrative activities.

The Elizabeth Ann Cummings Memorial Lecture Fund accounts for a lecture event to advance the library profession. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

The Margaret Scott Memorial Fund accounts for scholarships awarded to librarians for their attendance at continuing education, networking events and research. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

The Grace Buller Scholarship Fund accounts for scholarships awarded to Ontario residents that would lead to the improvement of library services to special interest groups. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

The Legal Defence Fund accounts for assistance provided to Ontario's libraries to obtain legal counsel on issues threatening programs and services in the province. Restricted contributions and expenses for this purpose are reported in this fund.

3. Significant accounting policies

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the fund accounting method in which externally restricted contributions are recognized when they are received in the fund corresponding to the purpose for which they were donated. Unrestricted contributions and restricted contributions for the reduction of the deficit - \$578 (1999 - \$2,699) are recognized in the general fund when received.