



**Auditor of State
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MONTGOMERY RECOGNIZES THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY FOR EXCELLENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

COLUMBUS – Auditor of State Betty Montgomery presented the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, under the direction of Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Schoettker, with the Auditor's Award for the library's exemplary 2003 Annual Financial Report. No citations were reported in the audit for the year 2003.

"I applaud the library's staff for presenting a clear and thorough report of the library's finances," Montgomery said. "Fewer than five percent of all the agencies we audit are eligible for today's award. That says a great deal about the library's commitment to safeguarding taxpayer dollars."

Montgomery also noted the library received the Award of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 2003. This honor is given to government agencies that publish a comprehensive financial report according to a strict set of standards.

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