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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF GREATER CLEVELAND D Employer identification number 90-0453660 E Telephone number 216-776-6180 G Gross receipts \$ 742,662

I Tax-exempt status: X 501(c)(3) Website: WWW.LITERACYCOOPERATIVE.ORG H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization: X Corporation L Year of formation: 2007 M State of legal domicile: OH

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission... 3 Number of voting members... 4 Number of independent voting members... 5 Total number of individuals employed... 6 Total number of volunteers... 7a Total unrelated business revenue... 7b Net unrelated business taxable income... 8 Contributions and grants... 9 Program service revenue... 10 Investment income... 11 Other revenue... 12 Total revenue... 13 Grants and similar amounts paid... 14 Benefits paid... 15 Salaries... 16a Professional fundraising fees... 16b Total fundraising expenses... 17 Other expenses... 18 Total expenses... 19 Revenue less expenses... 20 Total assets... 21 Total liabilities... 22 Net assets or fund balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer ROBERT E PAPONETTI, CEO. Date. Preparer's name MICHAEL D. MCMANUS, CPA, Preparer's signature, Date 09/09/25, Check self-employed, PTIN P00299019. Firm's name MCMANUS, DOSEN & CO, Firm's EIN 34-1639529, Firm's address MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OH 44130-3400, Phone no. 440-243-3400.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions X Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF CLEVELAND WAS FORMED FOR PUBLIC, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LITERACY RATE IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 266,728 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 88,443) SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 388,683 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) SEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 94,056 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF CLEVELAND WAS FORMED FOR PUBLIC, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE LITERACY RATE IN THE GREATER CLEVELAND AREA.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 749,467

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational reporting requirements.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Input box for Part V check

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		Yes	No		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	7		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b			X
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b			
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a			X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b			
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15			X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16			X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17			

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question ID, Question Text, 1a, 19, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a through 9 regarding governing body members, relationships, and documentation.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 5 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 10a through 16b regarding local chapters, policies, conflict of interest, whistleblower, document retention, and compensation.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NONE
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [] Upon request [] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) SALLY BROCIOS	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(2) TONY CONTRUCCI	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(3) JULIE CROCKER	1.00									
CHAIR - GOVERNANCE	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) CRAIG DORN	1.00									
CO-VICE-CHAIR	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) DAN EBERHARDT	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) DAN FLUHARTY	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) KRISTIN FRENCH	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) VALLERY GAINES	1.00									
SECRETARY	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(9) AL HARSAR	1.00									
TREASURER	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(10) LAURA HALL	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) CASSANDRA JOHNSON	1.00									
TRUSTEE	0.00	X					0	0	0	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes rows for DONALD JOLLY, KURT KARAKUL, CAROLE BEATY, CELIA LAMB, ELYSE MULLIGAN, CONNIE THACKABERRY, JAMES VON DER HEYDT, and SUZANA VUJASIN, plus subtotal and total rows.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 1

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Contains 5 empty rows for contractor data.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Table with columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts; Program Service Revenue; Other Revenue; and Miscellaneous Revenue.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	214,332	144,330	20,427	49,575
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	294,558	198,331	28,091	68,136
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	41,143	27,703	3,923	9,517
10 Payroll taxes	34,200	23,028	3,261	7,911
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	246,745	131,548	115,197	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	67,795	25,427	42,368	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	43,766	18,355	25,411	
17 Travel	16,482	8,059	7,205	1,218
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	30,213	26,602	3,611	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	6,990		6,990	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a SUPPLIES	150,112	143,178	6,934	
b MEMBERSHIP DUES	11,714	2,906	8,808	
c INVESTMENT FEES	7,182		7,182	
d MISCELLANEOUS	1,946		1,946	
e All other expenses	1,738		1,738	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,168,916	749,467	283,092	136,357
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	197,652	1	79,265
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	549,802	2	285,727
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	140,000	3	5,000
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,883	9	6,191
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 8,666		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 8,666	10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	687,378	12	887,118
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	39,836	15	10,268
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	1,621,551	16	1,273,569	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	41,234	17	25,070
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	44,963	25	10,268
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	86,197	26	35,338
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	1,111,067	27	963,154
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	424,287	28	275,077
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32	Total net assets or fund balances	1,535,354	32	1,238,231	
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,621,551	33	1,273,569	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	742,662
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,168,916
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-426,254
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,535,354
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	129,131
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	1,238,231

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes entry for ROBERT E PAPONETTI, CEO.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Includes a total row at the bottom.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

SCHEDULE A (Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

2024

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF GREATER CLEVELAND Employer identification number 90-0453660

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).
3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
9 An agricultural research organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix) operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture.
10 [X] An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income.
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety.
12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
a Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s).
b Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s).
c Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s).
d Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated.
e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
f Enter the number of supported organizations.
g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?, (v) Amount of monetary support, (vi) Amount of other support. Rows (A) through (E) and Total.

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3% support test — 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support test — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.); 14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 99.79%. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 99.08%.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) %. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 %. Row 19a: 33 1/3% support tests — 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization [X]. Row 19b: 33 1/3% support tests — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization []. Row 20: Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions [].

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, including their status, control, and support.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. Sub-rows a, b.

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 2 columns: Section D - Distributions and Current Year. Rows 1-10 detailing distribution types and amounts.

Table with 4 columns: Section E - Distribution Allocations, (i) Excess Distributions, (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024, and (iii) Distributable Amount for 2024. Rows 1-8 detailing allocation details.

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

PART III, LINE 12 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL

MISCELLANEOUS \$ 9,189

Schedule B (Form 990) (Rev. December 2024)

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF GREATER CLEVELAND) and Employer identification number (90-0453660)

Organization type (check one):

- Filers of: Section: Form 990 or 990-EZ [X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization [] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation [] 527 political organization Form 990-PF [] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation [] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation [] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- [X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II. [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III. [] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

Name of organization

THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE

Employer identification number

90-0453660

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 125,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 84,603	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 15,700	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization

THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE

Employer identification number

90-0453660

Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 18,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 6,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 6,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Employer identification number

90-0453660

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B) (i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items. (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X. 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items. a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1. b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment
 - b Permanent endowment
 - c Term endowment
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | 3a(ii) | |
- b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		8,666	8,666	
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))

Part VII Investments – Other Securities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Includes rows for Financial derivatives, Closely held equity interests, and Other BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUST.

Part VIII Investments – Program Related

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Includes rows (1) through (9) and a Total row.

Part IX Other Assets

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Includes rows (1) through (9) and a Total row.

Part X Other Liabilities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Includes rows for Federal income taxes, LEASE OBLIGATION, and a Total row.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII [X]

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	864,611
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	129,131	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	129,131	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	735,480
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	7,182	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,182	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	742,662

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,161,734
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,161,734
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	7,182	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	7,182	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	1,168,916

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ISSUED A DETERMINATION LETTER ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2007, EXEMPTING THE ORGANIZATION FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THIS DETERMINATION LETTER WAS ISSUED BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE ORGANIZATION UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE AS STATED IN ITS APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA REQUIRE ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE ORGANIZATION AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY IF THE ORGANIZATION HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND THE ASSOCIATED UNRECOGNIZED BENEFITS THAT MATERIALLY IMPACT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR RELATED DISCLOSURES.

THE ORGANIZATION IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS. THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS PRIOR TO 2021.

SCHEDULE J (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. Attach to Form 990.

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Employer identification number

90-0453660

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- First-class or charter travel, Travel for companions, Tax indemnification and gross-up payments, Discretionary spending account, Housing allowance or residence for personal use, Payments for business use of personal residence, Health or social club dues or initiation fees, Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- Compensation committee, Independent compensation consultant, Form 990 of other organizations, Written employment contract, Compensation survey or study, Approval by the board or compensation committee

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
b Any related organization?
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows correspond to questions 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9.

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Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)–(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(i)	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 ROBERT E PAPONETTI CEO	(i)	188,802	0	0	0	25,530	214,332	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	(i)							
	(ii)							
3	(i)							
	(ii)							
4	(i)							
	(ii)							
5	(i)							
	(ii)							
6	(i)							
	(ii)							
7	(i)							
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8	(i)							
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9	(i)							
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10	(i)							
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11	(i)							
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12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT

THE LITERACY COOPERATIVE WORKS TO INTEGRATE LITERACY INTO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND ALIGN PROGRAMS AND PARTNERS THAT WILL ASSIST OUR RESIDENTS IN CONNECTING TO TRAINING TO FILL THE JOBS IN DEMAND AND TO ASSIST OUR PARTNERS WITH TOOLS THAT PREPARE INDIVIDUALS FOR TRAINING. TLC HAS CONVENED A CONSORTIUM OF ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE ON AN INDUSTRY-BASED CURRICULUM FOR HEALTHCARE, MANUFACTURING, HOSPITALITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND IT. WE WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO TRAIN ADULT EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTORS AND TO EVALUATE HOW THE CONTEXTUALIZED CURRICULUM COMPARES TO TRADITIONAL ADULT EDUCATION CURRICULUM. RESULTS HAVE SHOWN THE USE OF CONTEXTUALIZED CURRICULUM HAS REDUCED COMPLETION TIME OF LESSONS AND INCREASED LITERACY LEVELS IN LESS TIME TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING.

IN 2018, TLC CONVENED A LITERACY SUMMIT TO BRING TOGETHER MORE THAN 100 REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS TO BEGIN DEVELOPING A TWO-GENERATION APPROACH THAT SUPPORTS FAMILY LEARNING AND PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS. THIS RESULTED IN ASSEMBLING A WORKING GROUP OF 28 STAKEHOLDERS TO PROMOTE 2GEN POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PACTION PLAN WITH THE GOAL OF FOSTERING STRATEGIES YIELDING 2GEN IMPLEMENTATION AND SUGGESTS A FRAMEWORK FOR THE ACTION PLAN.

TLC IS CONNECTING ALL OUR INITIATIVES TO INTRODUCE AND PROMOTE, TO OUR COMMUNITY'S SERVICE PROVIDERS, TWO-GENERATIONAL STRATEGIES. ADDRESSING BOTH GENERATIONS THROUGH A POWERFUL TWO-GENERATIONAL APPROACH GIVES THE GREATEST PROBABILITY OF ACHIEVING IMPACT.

WE ADVOCATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- 1) RESOURCING IDEAS FOR ENGAGING EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ADULT EDUCATION PARTNERS, BUILDING STAFF CAPACITY, AND STREAMLINING PRIORITIES
- 2) STRENGTHENING THE CORE INCOME AND WORK SUPPORT PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENT ENGAGEMENT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION
- 3) INCENTIVIZING PROGRAMS THAT BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION IN LIFE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, INCLUDING CHILDCARE AND TWO-GENERATIONAL STRATEGIES THAT SUPPORT PARENTS IN BOTH EMPLOYMENT AND RAISING CHILDREN
- 4) DEVELOPING A COUNTYWIDE TWO-GENERATIONAL PRACTICE THAT SUPPORTS FAMILY LEARNING AND PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B - SECOND ACCOMPLISHMENT

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY (DPIL) IS A UNIQUE BOOK GIFTING PROGRAM THAT MAILES A BRAND NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOK TO ENROLLED CHILDREN EVERY MONTH FROM BIRTH UNTIL FIVE YEARS OF AGE, INSTILLING A LOVE OF BOOKS ANDROGRAMS THROUGHOUT CUYAHOGA COUNTY. THE COMMITTEE CREATED A COMMUNITY FAMILY READING FROM AN EARLY AGE. SINCE 1995, DPIL HAS GIFTED OVER 260,000,000 BOOKS TO CHILDREN REGISTERED FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE. THE PROGRAM IS REPLICATED IN OVER 2,000 COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, UK, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA BY A SPECIFIED GEOGRAPHIC AREA SUCH AS A COUNTY, CITY, OR ZIP CODE. ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE RESIDING IN THE SPECIFIED AREA THAT IS FUNDED, ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL.

THERE ARE NO INCOME RESTRICTIONS. THE PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE STATEWIDE IN OHIO. SINCE 2017, TLC HAS BEEN THE LOCAL AFFILIATE MANAGING THE PROGRAM IN

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CUYAHOGA COUNTY WHERE MORE THAN 82,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SERVED. CURRENTLY, APPROXIMATELY 39,000 CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM. FAMILIES ENROLLED IN DPIL RECEIVE REGULAR EMAILS FROM TLC THAT SHARE USEFUL PARENTING TIPS AND VALUABLE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS IMPORTANT DATES FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION. TLC HAS ALSO CREATED AND SHARED VIRTUAL EARLY LITERACY VIDEOS AND WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES. EVIDENCE SUGGESTS FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE NEWSLETTERS, DIRECT EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS, VIRTUAL EVENTS, VIDEOS AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS. THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION'S RECENT WORK IN THE ADULT LITERACY FIELD SHOWED THAT ADULTS ARE OFTEN UNAWARE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES. WE USE OUR CONNECTIONS TO FAMILIES TO INFORM THEM OF IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE RESOURCES.

THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM POSITIVELY IMPACTS THE FOLLOWING:

- FAMILY READING FREQUENCY
- LOCAL LIBRARY USAGE
- CHILDREN REQUESTING TO BE READ TO
- KINDERGARTEN READINESS
- SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND SUSPENSIONS
- GRADE LEVEL READING IN THIRD GRADE

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS
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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
A COPY OF THE DRAFT FORM 990 ALONG WITH ANY PERTINENT SCHEDULES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH BOARD MEMBER FOR THEIR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. ANY QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED AND THE RETURN IS THEN FINALIZED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE. THESE QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REGULARLY REVIEWED TO MONITOR ANY CONFLICTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS AS NECESSARY.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD REVIEWS AVERAGE COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SIMILARLY SIZED ORGANIZATIONS (NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY) IN SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR LITERACY COOPERATIVE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
WEBSITE

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G - OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES
DESCRIPTION

	TOT/PROG SERVICE	MGT & GENERAL	FUNDRAISING
PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 131,548	\$ 115,197	\$ 0