

# **Book Trust**

## **Financial Statements**

**June 30, 2024**

**With Comparative Totals for June 30, 2023**

**(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)**

*Kundinger, Corder  
& Montoya, P.C.*

Certified Public Accountants



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

### **Board of Directors Book Trust**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Book Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Book Trust as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Book Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Book Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

**Board of Directors**  
**Book Trust**

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Book Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Book Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Book Trust's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 27, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

*Kundinger, Corder & Montoya, P.C.*

October 25, 2024

**Book Trust**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2024**  
**(With Comparative Totals as of June 30, 2023)**

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,997,309	4,013,591
Contributions and grants receivable (note 3)	57,127	328,019
Prepaid expenses and other assets	25,307	42,381
Total assets	\$ 2,079,743	4,383,991
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 72,917	324,591
Accrued payroll liabilities	55,429	185,827
Deferred revenue	37,500	23,750
Refundable advance (note 3)	350,000	350,000
Total liabilities	515,846	884,168
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	1,311,885	2,971,953
With donor restrictions (note 4)	252,012	527,870
Total net assets	1,563,897	3,499,823
Commitments (note 5)		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,079,743	4,383,991

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Book Trust**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2024 Total	2023 Total
<b>Revenue and Support</b>				
Contributions and grants:				
Individuals	\$ 391,049	–	391,049	595,008
Foundations	899,400	813,800	1,713,200	1,475,242
Organizations	(4,431)	97,510	93,079	187,590
Corporations	2,728	–	2,728	169,111
Total contributions and grants	<u>1,288,746</u>	<u>911,310</u>	<u>2,200,056</u>	<u>2,426,951</u>
School fees	1,028,792	–	1,028,792	920,990
Special events revenue	227,802	–	227,802	178,958
Less costs of direct benefit to donors	(59,080)	–	(59,080)	(63,909)
Other income	86,440	–	86,440	109,640
	<u>2,572,700</u>	<u>911,310</u>	<u>3,484,010</u>	<u>3,572,630</u>
Net assets released from restrictions (note 4)	1,187,168	(1,187,168)	–	–
Total revenue and support	<u>3,759,868</u>	<u>(275,858)</u>	<u>3,484,010</u>	<u>3,572,630</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Program expenses	4,176,671	–	4,176,671	3,047,084
Supporting services:				
Management and general	318,217	–	318,217	470,299
Fund raising	925,048	–	925,048	927,347
Total supporting services	<u>1,243,265</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,243,265</u>	<u>1,397,646</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,419,936</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>5,419,936</u>	<u>4,444,730</u>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	(1,660,068)	(275,858)	(1,935,926)	(872,100)
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<u>2,971,953</u>	<u>527,870</u>	<u>3,499,823</u>	<u>4,371,923</u>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,311,885</u>	<u>252,012</u>	<u>1,563,897</u>	<u>3,499,823</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Book Trust**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)**

	Program Services			Supporting Services				
	Books	Program Operations	Total program services	Manage- ment and general	Fund raising	Total supporting services	2024 Total	2023 Total
Book costs	\$ 3,545,639	–	3,545,639	–	–	–	3,545,639	2,580,616
Discounts on books	(531,860)	–	(531,860)	–	–	–	(531,860)	(386,449)
Book costs, net	3,013,779	–	3,013,779	–	–	–	3,013,779	2,194,167
Salaries and related benefits	–	735,647	735,647	266,156	678,631	944,787	1,680,434	938,808
Professional and contract services	–	317,590	317,590	22,861	105,344	128,205	445,795	1,104,595
Payroll taxes	–	46,503	46,503	18,275	52,951	71,226	117,729	59,939
Fundraising event expense	–	–	–	–	71,028	71,028	71,028	76,024
Travel and school visits	–	17,659	17,659	1,764	48,519	50,283	67,942	30,254
Other office expenses	–	27,159	27,159	7,381	12,735	20,116	47,275	63,009
Information technology/software	–	12,774	12,774	1,363	9,799	11,162	23,936	16,868
Insurance	–	5,560	5,560	417	739	1,156	6,716	6,266
Miscellaneous	–	–	–	–	4,382	4,382	4,382	18,709
Total functional expenses	3,013,779	1,162,892	4,176,671	318,217	984,128	1,302,345	5,479,016	4,508,639
Less expenses included with revenue in the statement of activities	–	–	–	–	(59,080)	(59,080)	(59,080)	(63,909)
Total expenses	\$ 3,013,779	1,162,892	4,176,671	318,217	925,048	1,243,265	5,419,936	4,444,730

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Book Trust**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2023)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,935,926)	(872,100)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation expense	—	868
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Contributions and grants receivable	270,892	51,181
Prepaid expenses and other assets	17,074	(23,650)
Accounts payable	(251,674)	(43,394)
Accrued payroll liabilities	(130,398)	135,175
Deferred revenue	13,750	(7,003)
Refundable advance	—	350,000
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,016,282)</u>	<u>(408,923)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(2,016,282)	(408,923)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>4,013,591</u>	<u>4,422,514</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,997,309</u></u>	<u><u>4,013,591</u></u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# Book Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

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### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Organization

Book Trust, (the “Organization”), is a national early literacy non-profit organization that works to engage every child in book choice and ownership, cultivating literacy-rich communities. The Organization was founded by Adrienne Schatz and the Schatz family in Ft. Collins, Colorado in 2001 and incorporated in 2006. Since the Organization’s founding, Book Trust has grown from serving 170 students in Colorado to serving over 58,106 elementary students across 15 states. The key program components of the Organization are as follows:

*Books* – Book Trust is a teacher-led, student-driven national early literacy program which includes a step-by-step supported and evaluated process to ensure students have the opportunity to discover the joy and power of reading. In the 2023-2024 school year, 58,106 Book Trust elementary students in 194 schools across 15 states, selected and received over 630,000 new Scholastic books.

*Program Operations* – Managers and teachers at partner schools volunteer their time to implement Book Trust’s program throughout the school year. These managers and teachers receive literacy tools for early reading tactics, family engagement, and the benefits of playing an active role in daily reading in the classroom and at home. In 2023-2024, 2,742 partner managers and teachers across 15 states received Book Trust’s program training, on-going program support, and monthly literacy resources to engage students in book choice, ownership, and celebration. The Book Trust provides monthly program monitoring and evaluation to ensure effective and quality program implementation and impact. Book Trust’s qualitative and quantitative evaluation process throughout the year includes but is not limited to, school site visits, program monitoring tools, annual surveys, focus groups, academic research, and third-party evaluations. In addition, the Organization provides necessary administrative and operational support to partner schools and teachers to implement the Book Trust program.

#### (b) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

#### (c) Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization is required to present information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization’s management and board of directors.



# Book Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

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### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### (c) Financial Statement Presentation, Continued

*Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature; those donor restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. At June 30, 2024, the Organization has no net assets with perpetual donor restrictions.

#### (d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### (e) Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and contributions and grants receivable. The Organization places its cash and cash equivalents with creditworthy, high-quality financial institutions. At times, a portion of the cash funds may not be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or related entity. Management monitors the cash balances and believes that they are adequate to support the long-term welfare of the Organization.

Credit risk with respect to the contributions and grants receivable is limited due to the number and credit worthiness of the donors from whom the amounts are due.

The Organization purchases all of the books for its programs from one company. This company provides to the Organization a 15% discount on all book purchases. If a significant reduction of this support occurs, it may have an effect on the Organization's programs and activities. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the discount totaled \$531,860 and is netted against the cost of the books.

#### (f) Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment is recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is seven years. The Organization capitalizes all fixed asset purchases and fixed asset donations over \$2,000 with an estimated useful life of more than one year.

#### (g) Revenue Recognition

##### Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grants are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, or unconditional promises to give are received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Payments received in advance of conditions being met are recorded as a refundable advance in the statement of financial position.

# Book Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

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### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### (g) Revenue Recognition, Continued

##### Contributions and Grants, Continued

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the contribution is received. All other donor restricted support, including pledges, is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions and grants receivable are recorded at net realizable value if expected to be collected in one year and at fair value if expected to be collected in more than one year. The Organization considers all contributions and grants receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, as of June 30, 2024, there is no allowance for doubtful amounts.

##### School Fees

School fee revenue represents program fees which are charged to schools on an annual basis for services provided by the Organization and are recognized as revenue on the statement of activities in the year in which the service is provided. Payments received in advance are deferred and recognized as revenue when earned. These school fees allow for the Organization's education partners to contribute a portion of the annual program costs, illustrating critical school buy-in, and long-term sustainability. At June 30, 2024, there were \$32,500 in deferred school fees which were prepaid for the subsequent fiscal year.

Accounts receivable represent amounts due to the Organization for services provided to schools. Management uses the allowance method to determine uncollectible amounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on past experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts about collectability. Accounts deemed uncollectible are charged to the allowance in the year they are deemed uncollectible. Accounts receivable are considered to be past due based on contractual terms. As of June 30, 2024, there were no accounts receivable.

##### Special Events

Special events are comprised of revenue from exchange transactions equal to the cost of direct benefits to donors, and contribution revenue for amounts received in excess of direct costs. Contribution revenue is recognized following the revenue recognition policies discussed above. Exchange transaction revenue is recognized when the event is held.

#### (h) Donated Materials and Services

Donated goods and services are reflected as contributions and corresponding expenses at their estimated fair value at date of donation. Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise need to be purchased. A number of volunteers have donated a significant number of hours in assisting the Organization's activities. These services are not recognized in the financial statements because they do not meet the criteria for recognition.

# Book Trust

## Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

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### **(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued**

#### **(i) Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The costs of providing program and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of functional expenses. The Organization incurs expenses that directly relate to, and can be assigned to, either a program or a supporting activity. The Organization also conducts a number of activities which benefit both its program objectives as well as supporting services (i.e., fund raising and management and general activities). These costs, which are not specifically attributable to a specific program or supporting activity, are allocated by management on a consistent basis among program and supporting services benefited, based on either financial or nonfinancial data, such as estimates of time and effort incurred by personnel.

#### **(j) Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **(k) Income Taxes**

The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income arising from activities not directly related to the Organization's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Organization did not incur any income taxes for unrelated trade or business income.

Management is required to evaluate tax positions taken by the Organization and to recognize a tax liability if the Organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. Management believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken and that none would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Organization is subject to routine audits by taxing authorities; however, there are currently no audits in progress for any tax periods. Management believes the Organization is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to June 30, 2021.

#### **(l) Prior Period Information**

The accompanying financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023 from which the summarized information was derived.

#### **(m) Subsequent Events**

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through October 25, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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## Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

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### (2) Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following represents the Organization's financial assets available for general expenditures within one year as of June 30, 2024:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,997,309
Contributions and grants receivable within one year	<u>57,127</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash expenditures over the next year	\$ <u>2,054,436</u>

The Organization receives significant contributions restricted by donors and considers contributions for programs which are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures. In addition, donated volunteer services fund a large part of the tasks associated with carrying out the Book Trust program. To manage liquidity, the Organization structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. As part of the Organization's liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily requirements is invested in an interest-bearing savings account.

### (3) Contributions and Grants Receivable

At June 30, 2024, contributions and grants consist of the following:

Multi-year general operating contribution receivable	\$ 45,000
Other contribution and grants receivable	<u>12,127</u>
Total contributions and grants receivable	\$ <u>57,127</u>

All amounts are due within one year.

During 2023, the Organization received a two-year grant award for continued support of the Book Trust program in the School District of Philadelphia. The funding is subject to certain conditions that are expected to be satisfied in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The Organization has received annual grant installments totaling \$350,000 in advance of these conditions being met. Accordingly, each annual grant installment is included in cash and as a refundable advance in the year received. When the conditions are met, that is, when the qualifying expenses are incurred and other conditions are met throughout fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the refundable advance is recorded as contribution revenue in each respective year.

### (4) Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

At June 30, 2024, net assets with donor restrictions total \$252,012 and consist of unspent donations that are restricted for program implementation in specific areas and/or schools and time restricted donations.

During 2024, net assets with donor restrictions totaling \$1,187,168 were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or the passage of time.

### (5) Retirement Plan

The Organization has a SIMPLE IRA plan under IRS Code Section 408(p) under which employees are eligible to participate upon hire. Based upon its own discretion, the Organization may match eligible employee contributions up to 3% of gross salary. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Organization's contribution to the plan was \$24,858.