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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 20 10

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **Southeast Regional Library System**
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
252 W 13th Street
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Wellston, OH 45692

D Employer identification number: **31-0829210**

E Telephone number: **740-384-2103**

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ www.serls.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

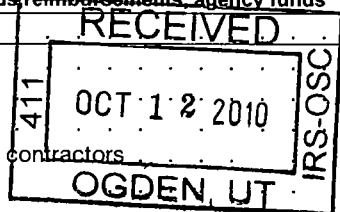
L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **215,130**

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

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Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received						175,616																						
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts						0																						
	3	Membership dues and assessments						12,644																						
	4	Investment income						1,059																						
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																												
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																												
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																												
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>																												
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)																												
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses																												
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)																													
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																													
b	Less: cost of goods sold																													
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																													
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ <u>Misc-Photocopying, refunds, reimbursements, agency funds</u>)							25,811																						
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8							215,130																						
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)						0																						
	11	Benefits paid to or for members						23,747																						
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits						112,402																						
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors						18,408																						
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance						12,418																						
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping						2,490																						
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>Travel, supplies, insurance, equipment, equipment lease, bank fees</u>)						25,125																						
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16							194,590																						
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)						20,540																						
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)						810,293																						
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)						0																						
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20							830,833																					



Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	117,981	139,475
23	Land and buildings	540,000	540,000
24	Other assets (describe ▶ <u>Inventory, Equipment, Materials</u>)	170,283	173,325
25	Total assets	828,264	852,800
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>Accts payable</u>)	17,971	21,967
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	810,293	830,833

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a _____		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b _____		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a _____		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b _____		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ <u>0</u> ; section 4912 ▶ <u>0</u> ; section 4955 ▶ <u>0</u>		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.		✓
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Ohio		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Sally Meredith Telephone no. ▶ 740-384-2103 Located at ▶ 252 W 13th Street, Wellston, OH ZIP + 4 ▶ 45692-9570		
b	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)?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. ▶ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 _____		<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- | | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | 46 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

Sign Here 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.

▶ Sally Meredith Signature of officer Date 10-1-10

▶ Sally Meredith, Clerk/Treasurer Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	EIN ▶	Phone no ▶	

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

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	259,923	287,219	259,672	259,530	188,260	1,254,604
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	259,923	287,219	259,672	259,530	188,260	1,254,604
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,254,604

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	259,923	287,219	259,672	259,530	188,260	1,254,604
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	4,267	5,420	5,593	1,236	1,059	17,575
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	152,245	107,913	75,016	68,652	25,811	429,637
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1,701,816
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0
13 First five 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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	74 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	70 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
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 and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2009. 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 ▶

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. 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 ▶

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 List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name & Address	(B) Title & Avg Hrs per wk devoted to position	(C) Compensation (not paid enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred comp.	(E) Expense account & other allowances
Karen Davis Sylvester Memorial Public Library 135 E Second Street Wellston, Ohio 45692	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Paige Williams Portsmouth Public Library 1220 Gallia St. Portsmouth OH 45662	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Krsti Eblin Meigs County District Public Library 216 W Main Street Pomeroy OH 45769	Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Suellen Goldsberry Pickerington Public Library 201 Opportunity Way Pickerington OH 43147	Bd President 7/08-06/09 Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
David Tipton Ohio Christian University 1476 Lancaster Pike Circleville OH 43113	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Peggy Johnson Oak Hill Public Library 316 W Main Street Oak Hill OH 45656	Bd Secretary 7/07-6/08 Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chet Gieger Homer Public Library 385 South St NW Homer, OH 43027	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Laura Thorne Jackson City Library 21 Broadway St Jackson OH 45640	Bd VP 7/08-06/09 Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dan Moore Garnet A Wilson Pub. Lib. of Pike Co 207 N. Market St Waverly OH 45690	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debbie Saunders Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Lib 7 Spruce St Gallipolis OH 45631	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name & Address	(B) Title & Avg. Hrs per wk devoted to position	(C) Compensation (not paid enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred comp	(E) Expense account & other allowances
Erick Clinton Walker Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library 120 N Market Street McArthur OH 45651	Board Trustee Hours vary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Joyce Baker Belmont Technical College 120 Fox-Shannon Place St Clairsville, OH 43950	Board Trustee Hours vary Representing Acad Libraries	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mary Leffler 768 Woodruff Rd Ray OH 45672	SERLS Executive Director 07/09-03/10 40+ per week	\$44,999	\$7,040	\$792
Mandy Sabine 20450 Sharon Drive Circleville OH 43113	SERLS Clerk-Treasurer 07/09-03/10 40+ per week	\$25,798	\$7,346	\$0
Jay Burton 117 S Sunbury Road Westerville, OH	SERLS Interim Executive Director 03/10-06/10 40+ per week	\$9,647	\$1,490	\$39
Sally Meredith 9436 Four Mile Road Jackson OH 45640	SERLS Clerk-Treasurer 04/10-06/10 20+ per week	\$3,393	\$524	\$0
Regina Gearing 403 E 7th Street Wellston OH	SERLS Interim Clerk-Trea 03/10-06/10 20+ per week	\$1,599	\$247	\$0

**ATTACHMENT TO
IRS FORM 990 EZ
Reporting Period July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010
ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX**

SERLS is a sub-grantee of the State Library of Ohio and we receive the major portion of our funding from the State of Ohio. We provided professional consulting, continuing education programming, and technology assistance to the libraries in our service area.

Our goal is to “serve the under-served” and provide continuing education to the staffs of the library community in Southeast/Central Ohio.

Because of the accounting system prescribed by the Auditor of State’s Office for libraries in the State of Ohio, a true fund accounting system cannot be used and a true balance sheet is not established.

As a sub-grantee of the State of Ohio, we are eligible to participate in the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio and therefore exempt from FICA taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Meredith
Clerk-Treasurer, SERLS