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Catherine Strauss appointed to Columbus Metropolitan Library Board of Trustees

COLUMBUS—The Franklin County Commissioners have appointed Catherine Strauss to the Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) Board of Trustees. She fulfills a seven-year term that commenced Jan. 1, 2018 and ends Dec. 31, 2024. Strauss was officially sworn in during today's Trustee meeting.

Strauss currently serves as Of Counsel for the law firm Ice Miller. Strauss fills the seat recently vacated by Cindy Hilsheimer who, after 18 years on the Board of Trustees, completed her service at the end of 2017.

Additionally, the following officers have been voted upon by the CML Board of Trustees, effective Jan. 1, 2018:

- Timothy Frommeyer, president
- Katie Chatas, vice president
- Kevin Reeves, secretary

The officer positions are elected every year.

Mike Duffy, Trustee vice president, resigned from the Board in late 2017 after accepting a new leadership position in New Hampshire. His replacement is forthcoming.

CML's [seven-member Board of Trustees](#) is responsible for guiding major decisions about library strategies and operations. This includes everything from capital projects to the customer code of conduct.



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Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio since 1873. With its Main Library and 22 branches, CML is well known for signature services and programs like Homework Help, Reading Buddies, Summer Reading Club and Ready for Kindergarten. The library's Strategic Plan supports the vision of "a thriving community where wisdom prevails," which positions CML to respond to areas of urgent need: kids unprepared for kindergarten, third grade reading proficiency, high school graduation, college readiness and employment resources.

CML was named a 2011 National Medal Winner by the Institute for Museum and Library Services for work in community service, the highest honor for libraries and museums. Columbus Metropolitan Library has been rated a 5-Star Library by Library Journal for seven of the eight years the magazine has published its industry ratings.

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