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Library to kick off 2020 Family Programs at Main Library with Urban Strings on Feb. 23

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is bringing back Family Programs at Main Library for its fourth year, kicking off with a concert from Urban Strings on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.

2020 Family Programs also include:

Cellos in the Atrium
Sunday, March 29 | 2 p.m.
Chamber music performance by central Ohio’s brightest rising cellists from Columbus Cello School. Grab a book and listen to Bach.

Hansel & Gretel by Opera Columbus
Tuesday, April 7 | 10:30 a.m.
Hear a whimsical performance of the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale. Through music and song, children K-5 will explore themes of the struggle between right and wrong.

Ohioana Book Festival
Saturday, April 25 | 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Meet over 130 Ohio authors and illustrators, hear panel discussions and enjoy special activities for children and teens. Shop a wide selection of books for readers of all ages.

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff
Saturday, May 30 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Activities to kick off our Summer Reading Challenge, when readers of all ages can earn prizes just by reading. Plus, see the massive LEGO city built by the Ohio LEGO Users Group in the Atrium through Aug. 8.

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PBJ and Jazz in Topiary Park Family Concert Series
Second Saturdays, June-September / 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Storytime in the library followed by a lively outdoor jazz concert and a creative craft activity. Bring your picnic lunch and a blanket.

Cartoon Crossroads Columbus
Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 4 from 1-5 p.m.
The international comics and cartoon festival visits Main Library for a fifth year. Meet popular children’s and teen graphic artists, shop the Marketplace for original art, mini-comics, graphic novels and signed works and hear from popular artists during panel discussions.

Hands On Chemistry
Saturday, Oct. 24 / 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
The American Chemistry Society brings science to life with hands-on demonstrations about physical, earth and space sciences.

Holiday Open House
Wednesday, Nov. 18 / 6-8 p.m.
See the official launch of the Huntington Holiday Train. Create holiday crafts and enjoy live music and refreshments. Special guests. The train will be on display through December.

All events are free and open to all. The first hour of parking is free in Main Library’s garage. More information can be found at columbuslibrary.org/special-events.

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 Challenge 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 and career 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. CML was also named 2010 Library of the Year by Library Journal.

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