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Library strives to ensure accurate count ahead of 2020 U.S. Census

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has partnered with the city of Columbus and Franklin County to help share information with its 671,000 cardholders and ensure an accurate count ahead of the 2020 U.S. Census.

Census accuracy is critical in determining how much federal funding central Ohio will receive for key services like Head Start and food assistance.

This year marks the first time that residents will be asked to complete the Census online. Franklin County residents who do not have internet access will be encouraged to visit their nearest CML location. Although any library PC may be used to fill out the Census form, one PC at each CML location will be set aside specifically for this purpose. CML staff are available to help customers.

Initial Census mailings are expected to be sent to Franklin County homes the week of March 16. Visit census.gov for more information.

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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