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Columbus Metropolitan Library migrates its digital infrastructure to the cloud

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is among the first large public libraries to successfully migrate its digital infrastructure from a physical data center to the cloud. The move will save Franklin County taxpayers an estimated \$1.1 million over the next five years.

The cloud is a term that refers to Internet-based data storage. Now, all of CML's digital infrastructure, including its website, columbuslibrary.org, has been outsourced to a cloud storage provider, Expedient.

Not only is this move cost-effective, as it eliminates the need for CML to reinvest in and maintain a physical data center, but it is also more secure and provides the library with an improved business continuity plan in the event of a disaster. Prior to this change, all CML data flowed through its Operations Center in Gahanna.

The New York Public Library is among those library systems that have also moved their digital infrastructure to the cloud within the last several years.

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 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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