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Library to kick off new family series with Jim Gill concert

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is kicking off its new family series with author and musician Jim Gill on **Thursday, March 23 at 11 a.m.** Customers and their children are invited to dance, sing and read at this free high-energy concert suitable for families with kids aged 8 and younger. Seating begins at 10:45 a.m. First come, first served.

Gill's concert kicks off Columbus Metropolitan Library's new series, **Family Programs at Main Library**, featuring fun and educational programs for the whole family. The series also includes:

The Magic Flute

Wednesday, April 19 | 10:30 a.m.

Opera Columbus brings *The Magic Flute* to Main Library. Customers are welcome to hear this modern version of the Mozart classic performed live in the Reading Room! All ages.

Summer Reading Club Kickoff

Saturday, June 3 | 10 a.m.-Noon

Activities, music, food and fun to kick off Summer Reading Club. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to help their child be a better reader and sign up the whole family.

PBJ&Jazz Family Concert Series

Second Saturdays, June-Aug. | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Family Storytime followed by a lively jazz concert and a creative craft activity. Pack a lunch and a blanket!



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Book to Film series

Fourth Saturdays, June-Aug. | 8 p.m.

Customers can bring a picnic, blanket or chairs and watch a family-friendly movie under the stars in Topiary Park.

Hands On Chemistry

Saturday, Oct. 28 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The American Chemistry Society brings science to life with hands-on demonstrations about physical, earth and space sciences. All ages.

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, Nov. 29 | 6-8 p.m.

Customers can see the official launch of the Huntington Holiday Train! Create holiday crafts and enjoy live sing-alongs and refreshments, plus special guests.

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 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.