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Library opens new Dublin Branch Tenth new library to open since 2014

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has cut the ribbon on its new Dublin Branch.

The new Dublin Branch has:

- 41,000 square feet of space on three levels
- A robust collection to meet the community's needs
- Interactive Children's area with more space for programs and areas for children to read, study and use computers
- Ready for Kindergarten area to help preschoolers be prepared for school
- Tween and Teen areas with computers, study space and comfortable seating
- Homework Help Center where students can get free after-school help
- Three Meeting Rooms and five Study Rooms for the community to gather
- Spacious Quiet Room
- Public computers for customers to reserve
- Commissioned works of public art
- Café with coffee and pastries, operated by Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea (opening soon)
- Seating areas on all levels with exceptional views of Bridge Park and historic Downtown Dublin
- 200 parking spaces and a drive-up book return in the adjacent parking garage

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Ribbon cutters participating in today's dedication include:

The Honorable Christina Alutto, *Member, Dublin City Council*
Margie Amorose, *Executive Director, Dublin Chamber of Commerce*
The Honorable Troy Balderson, *U.S. Representative, Ohio District 12*
Evan Bollie, *Senior Manager, C&I Sales, IGS Energy*
Molly Bollie, *Community volunteer*
Lauren Bonfield, *Attorney, LBB Law*
Jen Bowden, *Director of Community Investments, IGS Energy*
Jessie Cannon, *Vice President Community Relations, Cardinal Health*
Katie Chatas, *Community volunteer*
Alison Circle, *Chief Customer Experience Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Dr. Carol Clinton, *Co-Chair, Dublin Branch Capital Campaign Committee*
Michelle Cramer, *Cramer & Associates and Dublin Community Foundation*
Michelle Crandall, *Assistant City Manager, City of Dublin*
Rob Crane, *OSU Family Medicine*
Brent Crawford, *Principal & Founder, Crawford Hoying*
Bruce Daniels, *Dealer Principal, Honda Marysville*
The Honorable Cathy De Rosa, *Member, Dublin City Council*

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First Lady Fran DeWine, *State of Ohio*
Mary Jo DiSalvo, *Event Administrator, City of Dublin*
Scott Dring, *Executive Director, Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau*
Beverly J. Farlow, *Farlow & Associates*
Terry Foegler, *President, Terry Foegler & Associates LLC*
Randy Fortener, *Cozzins Road Capital*
Rick Gerber, *President, Historic Dublin Business Association*
David Guion, *Executive Director, Dublin Arts Council*
Lauren Hagan, *Chief Financial Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Charlie Hansen, *Chief Administrative Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Yoshi & Keiko Hidaka, *Hidaka USA, Inc.*
Dr. Todd Hoadley, *Superintendent, Dublin City Schools*
Tom Holton, *President, Dublin Historical Society*
Bob Hoying, *Principal, Crawford Hoying*
Stephanie Infante, *The Lindy Infante Foundation*
Megan James, *MJ2 Marketing*
Wendy Tressler Jasper, *2020 Vision Program Manager, Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Tom Katzenmeyer, *President & CEO, Greater Columbus Arts Council*
Jim Kunk, *Community volunteer*
DeeDee Kunk, *Community volunteer*
The Honorable Stephanie Kunze, *State Senator, District 16*
The Honorable Beth Liston, *State Representative, District 21*
Su Lok, *Director, Corporate and Community Partnerships, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company*
Patrick Losinski, *Chief Executive Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library*
Diane McCloy, *Community volunteer*
Dr. Amy A. McClure, *Ohio Wesleyan University Department of Education*
Dana McDaniel, *City Manager, City of Dublin*
A.J. Montero, *Partner, NBBJ*
Brian Mooney, *Vice President & General Manager, Turner Construction Company*
Chris Northup, *Chair, Dublin Community Foundation*
Vince Papsidero, *Planning Director, City of Dublin*
The Honorable Greg Peterson, *Mayor, City of Dublin*
Gay Su Pinnell, *OSU School of Teaching and Learning and Gay Su Pinnell Education Foundation*
Skip Prichard, *President & CEO, OCLC*
Bill Remias, *Huntington National Bank*
The Honorable John Reiner, *Member, Dublin City Council*
Cid Rhomberg, *Co-Chair, Dublin Branch Capital Campaign Committee*
Connie Ricer, *Rolls Realty*
Tip Rose, *Vice President, Enterprise Digital Marketing, Cardinal Health*
Rick Schwieterman, *Community volunteer*
Dhruv Shah, *Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman*

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Kathy Shahbodaghi, *Public Services Director, Columbus Metropolitan Library*

Stephen Smith, *Community volunteer*

Catherine Strauss, *Partner, Ice Miller LLP*

Roger Sugarman, *Director, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter LPA*

Michael Suriano, *Principal Architect, NBBJ*

Carla Williams-Scott, *Director, Department of Neighborhoods, City of Columbus*

Donna Zuiderweg, *Chief Community Engagement Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library*

The Dublin Branch project is part of CML's 10-project aspirational building program:

- The new **Driving Park Branch** opened July 12, 2014
- The new **Whitehall Branch** opened April 11, 2015
- The new **Parsons Branch** opened June 4, 2016
- The transformed **Main Library** opened June 25, 2016
- The new **Northern Lights Branch** opened Sept. 24, 2016
- The new **Shepard Branch** opened Oct. 13, 2016
- The new **Northside Branch** opened June 22, 2017
- The new **Hilliard Branch** opened June 21, 2018
- The new **Martin Luther King Branch** opened Oct. 18, 2018

The former Dublin Branch, built in 1980 and renovated in 1990, was one of the most heavily used branches in [CML's 23-location system](#). The new three-level Dublin Branch, built on the same site, has doubled the size of the former branch from roughly 20,100 square feet to approximately 41,000 square feet. Turner was the construction manager at risk and NBBJ was the architect.

CML understands that great libraries create stronger communities, and each branch is an essential hub that reflects the unique needs of the neighborhood it serves. Some of CML's 23 locations are 40 to 50 years old and inadequate to meet the demands of a growing 21st century community. Demands and expectations will continue to grow, along with the population of Franklin County.

CML's aspirational building program is the result of a community-wide process that will continue to serve the needs of Franklin County well into the future. The plan is a multi-phased comprehensive blueprint that reinvents and revitalizes the entire 600,000 square feet maintained by the library.

In addition to being a vital community asset, Columbus Metropolitan Library strives to minimize its environmental footprint. With each new building or renovation project, CML plans to use sustainable building materials, incorporate glass for natural light to reduce energy costs and introduce other design and building elements friendly to the natural environment.

Phase one of CML's aspirational building program is transforming and significantly upgrading seven urban branches (Driving Park, Whitehall, Parsons, Martin Luther King, Northside, Northern Lights, Shepard) and two suburban branches (Hilliard and Dublin). In addition, changes to Main Library represent a major investment in downtown Columbus and the Discovery District.

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Visit columbuslibrary.org for more information and to track progress of CML's ambitious building program.

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 Centers, 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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