Library honors Executive Women International of Columbus for 15 years of service and support

COLUMBUS—At its Board of Trustees meeting today, Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) trustees and administrators honored Executive Women International (EWI) of Columbus.
For 15 years, the networking and leadership development organization has generously provided boys’ and girls’ bicycles and helmets to each of CML’s 23 locations to be raffled off to children as part the library’s annual Summer Reading Challenge. That adds up to more than 650 bicycles donated. Additionally, EWI of Columbus representatives have graciously volunteered their time during CML’s annual Summer Reading Challenge kickoff celebrations to hand out snacks to children and their families.

“We are so grateful to EWI of Columbus for their continued support,” said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “Their generosity has brought smiles to the faces of so many children in our community throughout the last 15 years. Many had never owned – or even ridden – a bike before. These gifts are tremendously impactful and help us promote summer reading.”

Executive Women International® was established in California in 1938 when Lucille Johnson Perkins recognized the importance and potential of an association of key women working with their executives to promote their firms and improve their community. Over 1,400 companies and 1,600 representatives are members of EWI today in 45 chapters located in major cities in the United States and Canada. EWI is the premier organization for networking and leadership development for today’s business professionals and their firms.

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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