Library participates in Ray Bradbury Centennial Read-a-Thon
CML staff join celebrity readers of Fahrenheit 451

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is participating in the first Ray Bradbury Centennial Read-a-Thon, commemorating what would have been the famed author’s 100th birthday tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 22. The event is produced and directed by Emmy Award winner Lawrence Schiller for the Ray Bradbury Foundation and the Ray Bradbury Literary Works, LLC.

Beginning tomorrow at 4:30 p.m., readers of all ages can watch a reading of Bradbury’s classic novel Fahrenheit 451, as read by writers, actors, library staff members and young readers from across the country. Celebrity readers include Neil Gaiman, Susan Orlean, William Shatner and more. Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden will introduce each of the three parts of the book.

Also featured in the reading are five CML staff members, whose excerpts can be found in Part 3 of the video at the following timestamps:

- **Adam Hochstetler**, Manager, Northside Branch | 39:52-42:27
- **Joe Miller**, Librarian, Adult Services | 42:28-44:54
- **Dave Dennison**, Manager, Reynoldsburg Branch | 44:55-48:21
- **Nick Taggart**, Information Services Specialist, Local History & Genealogy | 48:21-50:07
- **Nicole Sutton**, Librarian, Local History & Genealogy | 58:09-1:05:41

View the entire reading beginning tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at RayBradburyReadAThon.com. The video will be available to watch through Sept. 5.
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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