Library to begin book delivery to Columbus City Schools

COLUMBUS—Tomorrow, Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) will begin delivering bins of carefully selected books to 16 elementary schools in the Columbus City Schools (CCS) district. This new service is part of a larger CML effort to impact early literacy and third grade reading.

CML piloted the book delivery program with Groveport-Madison’s six elementary schools during the 2013-14 school year, and will seek to expand this service based on its success.

Each classroom in the schools below will receive a bin that contain fiction and nonfiction books that are identified as being “high interest” – books students in each grade level will be interested to read.

“We strive to be an out-of-school learning resource for students in Franklin County,” said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “But we’re also working on ways we can support teachers and ensure that the right books are getting into the hands of kids in their classroom to foster their interest in reading.”

CCS selected the 16 elementary schools based on which high schools that school’s students will attend. CML will deliver and pick up the bins at the beginning of the school year but CCS will eventually take over the transportation.

Elementary Schools Feeding Into South High School
Cedarwood
Parsons
Watkins
Fairwood K-6
Lincoln Park K-6
Livingston K-6
Moler K-6

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Siebert K-6
Stewart Traditional K-6
Southwood K-6

Elementary Schools Feeding Into Walnut Ridge High School
Broadleigh
Fairmoor
Scottwood
Olde Orchard
Shady Lane
Woodcrest

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for 141 years. With its Main Library and 20 branches, CML is well known for signature services and programs like Homework Help Centers, Reading Buddies, Summer Reading Club and the Ready to Read Corps. 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. In 2013, Columbus Metropolitan Library became the only large public library in the country to be rated a 5-Star Library for all six years of Library Journal’s industry standards rating program.

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