Library announces Ann & Tom Hoaglin as recipients of Julian Sinclair Smith Award
Award to be presented at 22nd annual Celebration of Learning gala

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) today announced Ann and Tom Hoaglin as the 2014 recipients of the Julian Sinclair Smith Award. Each year, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation (CMLF) presents the award to honor inspiring individuals living or working in and around Franklin County with a passion for lifelong learning. The award will be presented at CMLF’s annual Celebration of Learning fundraiser gala on Friday, Nov. 7 at Main Library.

Ann and Tom Hoaglin have long modeled the attributes of lifelong learning through their work with organizations that impact lives through education and the arts. Ann has said, “I decided that perhaps my life could be focused not on a career, but on giving back to the community. I am very grateful to be able to devote my time to interests and organizations which enhance peoples’ lives in Columbus, Ohio.”

Ann has served as a Columbus Metropolitan Library board trustee and chaired the committee for Celebration of Learning. She currently serves as a member and former president of the Columbus Museum of Art Board of Trustees and as a member of the Denison University Research Foundation board. She also previously served as a board member of I Know I Can, and as the chair of Compass, a homelessness prevention program. She was the Director of the Wooster Art Center, and worked for Rubbermaid in product and market research and for the State of Ohio in budget analysis. She also worked as a mental health therapist.

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Tom currently serves as a member and former chairman of the board of trustees for Denison University, the couple’s alma mater. He previously served as chairman of the boards for Ohio Health, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Columbus Downtown Development Corp. and as a member of the Columbus Partnership board. A banking professional, Tom worked for Bank One Corp. and served as Chairman, President and CEO of Huntington Bancshares.

“Tom and Ann’s level of service is deep and far-reaching,” said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “Their love for central Ohio truly defines them both and we recognize them for their steadfast commitment to bettering their community.”

Ann and Tom live in Columbus.

Julian Sinclair Smith was founder of the Sinclair Broadcast Group, owner of WSYX/ABC 6 and operator of WTTE/Fox 28. His rise to prominence in the industry can be attributed to his quest for knowledge, beginning with the completion of a radio correspondence course while still in high school. When he died in 1993, the Smith family chose to honor his passion toward reading, education and lifelong learning, with an award named in his honor presented through the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation.

Wes Moore is the featured author for the Celebration of Learning event. Moore, an acclaimed youth advocate, TV host and U.S. Army combat veteran, wrote the 2010 book, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, which became a *New York Times* bestseller.

*Celebration of Learning*. CML Foundation’s annual fundraiser and unique literary evening, is held in the atrium and stacks of CML’s historic Main Library, 96 S. Grant Ave. The event features remarks from a renowned author and the presentation of The Julian Sinclair Smith Award for Lifelong Learning to an individual or couple living in Franklin County who has demonstrated dedication to reading, education and lifelong learning. The CML Foundation helps fund programs such as Homework Help, Ready for Kindergarten, Summer Reading Club and job help, which support the needs of kids, teens and adults.

Visit foundation.columbuslibrary.org for more information.

NOTE: Digital photo of Ann and Tom Hoaglin available upon request.

*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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