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Library offers relief from the sweltering heat With 23 locations serving Franklin County

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) offers relief for thousands of customers as unseasonably warm weather has prompted Columbus City Schools to cancel classes today.

[All 23 air conditioned library locations](#) are open to all and provide comfortable seating, public computers with Internet access, free WiFi and of course a collection of great books and magazines.

Customers can visit [CML's Events webpage](#) to see what's going on at the library location nearest them.

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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