Library welcomes author Jason Reynolds as part of Celebration of Learning

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is welcoming author Jason Reynolds as part of this year’s Celebration of Learning festivities.

The award-winning author of teen novels such as *When I Was the Greatest*, *Boy in the Black Suit* and *All American Boys* will discuss his books and answer questions at his scheduled appearances:

**Tuesday, October 18**
- Parsons Branch: 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 19**
- Driving Park Branch: 10 a.m.
- Shepard Branch: 11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, October 20**
- Karl Road Branch: 10 a.m.
- Linden Branch: 11:30 a.m.

Visit columbuslibrary.org/locations for a map of CML’s branches.

The programs are presented by Nationwide, AEP, Battelle, Safelite AutoGlass, the Siemer Family Foundation and Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. Other sponsors include the Davis Foundation, Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the New Albany Community Foundation and Lynne & Martyn Redgrave.

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Celebration of Learning, the annual fundraiser presented by the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, will take place on Friday, Nov. 4. It will be held in the atrium and new Reading Room in the newly transformed Main Library, which opened June 25 after a 16-month renovation.

The 2016 Celebration of Learning program promises a spirited exchange between two men at the intersection of politics, media and the law. This year’s featured speaker is bestselling author and CNN senior analyst Jeffrey Toobin. He will be interviewed by Michael Krasny, host of the award-winning KQED “FORUM,” a program discussing news and public affairs, current events, culture, health, business and technology.

Arrangements for the appearance of Jeffrey Toobin made through Greater Talent Network, Inc., New York, NY.

The event features a renowned author and the presentation of The Julian Sinclair Smith Award for Lifelong Learning. The CMLF helps fund the library’s capital needs as well as Homework Help Centers, Ready for Kindergarten initiatives, employment resources and Summer Reading Club, supporting the needs of kids, teens and adults.

The honorary chairs of this year’s Celebration of Learning are Donna and Nick Akins. Visit foundation.columbuslibrary.org for more information.

NOTE: Digital photo available upon request.

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 Club 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 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. Columbus Metropolitan Library has been rated a 5-Star Library by Library Journal for seven of the eight years the magazine has published its industry ratings.

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