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## Individual registration for Celebration of Learning now available

### Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation's annual fundraiser Nov. 4

**COLUMBUS**—[Registration is now open](#) for the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation's (CMLF) 2016 Celebration of Learning, with individual seats available for \$150.

[Celebration of Learning](#), the annual fundraiser presented by the CMLF, 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, 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](http://foundation.columbuslibrary.org) for more information.

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*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 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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