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Library hires Director of Safety & Security

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has hired Anthony Wilson as Director of Safety & Security. He begins his new role today, Monday, Oct. 22.

In this new role, Wilson will be responsible for leading security operations and implementing safety and security measures across CML's 23-location system. These efforts include loss prevention, establishing safety programs and emergency procedures, assessment and analysis of potential risks, policy and procedure development and vendor management.

Wilson comes to CML after having served more than 25 years in central Ohio law enforcement, most recently as assistant chief of police for the City of Westerville.



"Anthony's robust law enforcement experience and strong central Ohio roots made him an ideal candidate," says CML interim Chief Administrative Officer Charlie Hansen. "We know he'll bring a wealth of leadership and expertise to our Safety and Security division."

Kevin Smith previously held the role of Security Manager until his departure in late July. This director-level position is new to CML.

NOTE: Electronic file of Anthony Wilson's headshot is 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 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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