COLUMBUS Metropolitan Library given 5-star rating for seventh consecutive year

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has once again been named a 5-star library by Library Journal. CML has been given the maximum 5-star rating for each of the seven years the rating has been published, and is the only large public library in the country to achieve this distinction.

The ratings are based on data measures reported by library systems across the country – looking at operating budgets, circulation figures, number of staff and more.

“Our customers continue to make us one of the best libraries in the country,” said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “We are humbled by this rating, and always eager to improve our service to the residents of Franklin County, especially the impact we have on children.”

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for 141 years. With its Main Library and 21 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 2014, Columbus Metropolitan Library became the only large public library in the country to be rated a 5-Star Library for all seven years of Library Journal’s industry standards rating program.

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