Library Foundation announces goal reached in Great Libraries Create campaign

COLUMBUS—The Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation (CMLF) announced at this weekend’s Celebration of Learning fundraiser that it has reached its Great Libraries Create campaign fundraising goal.

The Great Libraries Create campaign is a $21.5 million public/private fundraising initiative to support Columbus Metropolitan Library’s (CML) aspirational building program. Within the next few years, the library will have built seven new branches, renovated two others and transformed Main Library.

“We are so grateful for the tremendous response we’ve received from such an engaged community,” said Columbus Metropolitan Library CEO Patrick Losinski. “And for the leadership and guidance of a truly remarkable Foundation Board that understands the impact the library has throughout central Ohio.”

Great libraries create community centerpieces that reflect the unique needs of the people they serve. To ensure Columbus Metropolitan Library continues to serve its customers well into the future, it must revitalize and transform branches to meet the demands of the 21st century community.

The library has embarked on an ambitious plan to revitalize seven urban branches, two suburban branches and make transformational changes to Main Library. Through the Great Libraries Create campaign, CML will create inspirational spaces in central Ohio’s most challenged communities to help prepare kids for

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kindergarten, cultivate a passion for reading in the young, empower discovery and creativity in teens, provide the books and resources for adults trying to improve their lives, ensure access to technology to those without, and so much more.

The cost of this vision is $130 million. The library has generated $100 million with the sale of Public Library Fund Notes, $8.5 million from operational savings and the library’s foundation sought $21.5 million through public and private philanthropy.

Visit greatlibrariescreate.org for more information.

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