Library partners with digital lender Kanopy to bring customers streaming movies

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has partnered with digital lender Kanopy to bring customers free streaming movies with their library card. Customers can visit CML’s homepage, columbuslibrary.org, and scroll down to the yellow “Cinema/Documentaries” box to get started.

Once customers are signed up, they can:

- Instantly stream up to 10 movies a month
- Watch a movie as many times as they want within 72 hours

Founded in 2008, the San Francisco-based video-streaming company provides on-demand access to more than 30,000 classic, foreign, independent, international and instructional films, as well as a robust offering of documentaries. Kanopy films can be accessed on various mobile and TV streaming devices, as well as streamed directly from the Kanopy website.

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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