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Library’s Franklinton and Livingston branches to reopen Dec. 3
Livingston Branch to be renamed Barnett Branch

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) is reopening its Franklinton and Livingston branches on Tuesday, Dec. 3 with their normal hours. This comes after both locations have been closed for approximately month-long renovations. Additionally, the Livingston Branch will be renamed the Barnett Branch upon its reopening.

CML issued a survey to Livingston Branch customers earlier this year seeking their thoughts about the possible name change. The new name is also intended to more easily differentiate the branch from the nearby Driving Park Branch, which is also located on Livingston Avenue.

The Franklinton and Livingston branches closed to the public on Saturday, Oct. 26 to undergo renovations, including the reconfiguration of branch furniture and general flow, the installation of new carpeting and ceiling tiles, landscaping work and general maintenance. The two renovated branches also received specialized Ready for Kindergarten areas, which are dedicated spaces in the children’s area designed to familiarize preschoolers and their parents and caregivers with a kindergarten classroom.

The Franklinton Branch Homework Help Center, which temporarily moved into the cafeteria of Avondale Elementary School (141 Hawkes Ave.), will return to the branch upon its reopening.

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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