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# Library Board approves construction manager at risk and architects for major building projects

**COLUMBUS**—Columbus Metropolitan Library's (CML) Board of Trustees today unanimously approved the selection of Turner Construction Company to represent CML as construction manager at risk (CMAR) for Phase II of its aspirational building program. Phase II will renovate or rebuild CML's Karl Road, Hilltop, Reynoldsburg and Gahanna branches within the next few years.

The CML Board of Trustees today also approved:

- Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design with GUND Partnership as co-architects for the Reynoldsburg Branch project
- NBBJ as architect for the Gahanna Branch project

Trustees approved Moody•Nolan as the architect for the Karl Road Branch project at its Oct. 25 meeting. Architect selection for the Hilltop Branch project is forthcoming.

Turner also served as CMAR for Phase I of CML's aspirational building program, which renovated or rebuilt 10 library locations, including Main Library. GUND Partnership also served as the co-architect (with Schooley Caldwell) for the design of CML's 2016 Main Library transformation. Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design also served as architect for CML's 2015 Whitehall Branch rebuild. NBBJ also served as architect for CML's 2014 Driving Park Branch rebuild, 2017 Northside Branch rebuild and current Dublin Branch rebuild, expected to be completed in 2019.

Turner Construction Company has served the healthcare, education, commercial and industrial construction markets for more than 100 years, offering construction management, design-build and general contractor services on projects of all sizes. The Columbus office manages more than \$450 million in construction volume annually. Consistently ranked the leading sustainable builder in the nation, Turner operates through a network of offices in the U.S., including four in Ohio. Visit [turnerconstruction.com/columbus](http://turnerconstruction.com/columbus) for more information.

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For 25 years, Jonathan Barnes Architecture and Design has built a reputation as one of Ohio's most acclaimed design firms, earning many design awards at the local, state and national level. Many of its projects have initiated or amplified the revitalization of entire urban neighborhoods, bringing activity and a mix of uses to previously vacant structures and streets. The firm has completed over a dozen such projects in the downtown commercial and residential neighborhoods of Columbus. Visit [jbadusa.com](http://jbadusa.com) for more information.

GUND Partnership works across the country with leading cultural and academic institutions to explore the power and potential of the built environment. With each commission, GUND leads a rigorous process of discovery and exploration, seeking to uncover the fundamental nature of the architectural challenge and developing design solutions that are functionally responsive, strengthen community and advance their clients' missions. Visit [gundpartnership.com](http://gundpartnership.com) for more information.

Founded in 1943, NBBJ is an industry leader in healthcare and corporate facilities and has a strong presence in the commercial, civic, science, education and sports markets. It has won numerous awards and has been recognized as one of the "greenest" architecture firms in the U.S. NBBJ has more than 700 employees in 10 offices worldwide. Clients include Amazon, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Boeing, Cambridge University, Cleveland Clinic, Columbus Metropolitan Library, Google, Microsoft, Reebok, Salk Institute, Samsung, Stanford University, Starbucks and the United States General Services Administration. Visit [nbbj.com](http://nbbj.com) for more information.

CML understands that great libraries create stronger communities, and each branch is an essential hub that reflects the unique needs of the neighborhood it serves. Some of CML's 23 locations are 30 to 40 years old and inadequate to meet the demands of a growing 21st century community. Demands and expectations will continue to grow, along with the population of Franklin County.

CML's aspirational building program is the result of a community-wide process that will continue to serve the needs of Franklin County well into the future. The plan is a multi-phased comprehensive blueprint that reinvents and revitalizes the entire 600,000 square feet maintained by the library.

In addition to being a vital community asset, Columbus Metropolitan Library strives to minimize its environmental footprint. With each new building or renovation project, CML plans to use sustainable building materials, incorporate glass for natural light to reduce energy costs and introduce other design and building elements friendly to the natural environment.

Phase I of CML's aspirational building program is transforming and significantly upgrading seven urban branches (Driving Park, Whitehall, Parsons, Martin Luther King, Northside, Northern Lights, Shepard) and two suburban branches (Hilliard and Dublin). In addition, changes to Main Library represent a major investment in downtown Columbus and the Discovery District.

Phase II of CML's aspirational building program is transforming four branches: Karl Road, Hilltop, Reynoldsburg and Gahanna.

Visit [columbuslibrary.org](http://columbuslibrary.org) for more information and to track progress of CML's ambitious building program.

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*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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