Library dedicates newly renamed Barnett Branch
Former Livingston Branch reopened Dec. 3

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has cut the ribbon on its newly renamed Barnett Branch (formerly the Livingston Branch).
Ribbon cutters participating in yesterday’s dedication include:

Quay Barnes, Chair, Mideast Area Commission
Amanda Brooks, COTA
Tiffani Carter, Barnett Branch Manager, Columbus Metropolitan Library
Katie Chatas*, Community volunteer
The Honorable Rob Dorans, Member, Columbus City Council
Teresa Featherstone, Barnett Recreation Center
Malikai Giday, Grade 9, Walnut Ridge High School
Jasmine Hampton, Grade 9, Cristo Rey Columbus High School
Dalen Hand, National Church Residences
Dave Holt, Far East Safe Passages Initiative
Jason Knox, Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman
Patrick Losinski, Chief Executive Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Library
Mario Martin, Recreation Administrative Coordinator, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
Jonathan Moody, Architect, Moody Nolan
Deepi Padiyar, Project Architect, Moody Nolan
Catherine Strauss*, Partner, Ice Miller LLP
Roger Sugarman*, Director, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter LPA
Aracely Tagliaventi, COTA
Teri Umbarger, Senior Associate Architect, Moody Nolan
Chris Ward, Columbus City Schools
Oleatha Waugh, Columbus Urban League

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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.

CML’s Franklinton and Livingston branches closed to the public on 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. Both branches reopened on Dec. 3.

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.