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Library joins Children’s Hunger Alliance to provide after school snacks for students
Free Grab & Go meals now offered at 15 CML locations

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) has once again partnered with Children’s Hunger Alliance (CHA) to provide after school snacks to children ages 1-18. This marks the sixth year of the partnership, which now offers free Grab & Go meals Monday through Thursday from 12-6 p.m. and Friday & Saturday from 12-5:30 p.m. at the following CML locations:

- Barnett Branch | 3434 E. Livingston Ave.
- Driving Park Branch | 1422 E. Livingston Ave.
- Franklinton Branch | 1061 W. Town St.
- Karl Road Branch | 5590 Karl Rd.
- Linden Branch | 2223 Cleveland Ave.
- Main Library | 96 S. Grant Ave.
- Martin Luther King Branch | 1467 E. Long St.
- Northern Lights Branch | 4093 Cleveland Ave.
- Northside Branch | 1423 N. High St.
- Parsons Branch | 1113 Parsons Ave.
- Reynoldsburg Branch | 1402 Brice Rd.
- Shepard Branch | 850 N. Nelson Rd.
- South High Branch | 3540 S. High St.
- Southeast Branch | 3980 S. Hamilton Rd.
- Whitehall Branch | 4445 E. Broad St.

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These locations were selected for the meal program based on student need. A typical super-snack provided by Children’s Hunger Alliance consists of a fruit, vegetable, protein, grain and milk.

“Food insecurity was a pervasive issue facing our community well before the pandemic,” said CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “Now, with central Ohio reeling from simultaneous health and economic crises, our families need our support more than ever before. We’re grateful for the tremendous resources and partnership provided by Children’s Hunger Alliance.”

Judy Mobley, president and CEO of CHA, said, “As a result of the pandemic, many more children are struggling with hunger as their families face economic hardships making it difficult to put food on their tables. More than ever, our work feeding children has become even more critical. We are grateful to Columbus Metropolitan Library for their continued partnership and support, helping us provide meals to children in need during these uncertain times.”

Founded in 1970, Children’s Hunger Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to ending childhood hunger by improving access to food for the more than 500,000 food-insecure children in Ohio. Through their work, Children’s Hunger Alliance provides healthy meals to hungry children, advocates for the welfare of Ohio’s youngest citizens and teaches nutrition and physical education to those they serve.

Free After School Snack at 15 Library Locations

In partnership with Children's Hunger Alliance

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 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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