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Library to dedicate new Dublin Branch June 6 with community celebration

COLUMBUS—On Thursday, June 6, Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) will open its new Dublin Branch to the public with a brief dedication ceremony followed by a grand opening celebration. The event is free and open to all.

- **New Dublin Branch Dedication and Grand Opening Celebration**
75 N. High St., Dublin
Columbus Metropolitan Library
Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 3:30-6 p.m.

Following brief remarks and a ribbon-cutting by library and city officials, the afternoon will be filled with refreshments, music and entertainment. Plus, all are welcome to explore the new branch (see rendering below), whether on their own or as part of staff-guided tours. Visitors can also sign up for a commemorative library card and register for a chance to win an eReader.

The temporary Dublin Branch located at 6765 Dublin Center Dr. remains opens to customers. Its closing date will be shared in the coming months.

The former Dublin Branch, built in 1980 and renovated in 1990, was one of the most heavily used branches in [CML's 23-location system](#). The new three-level Dublin Branch, being built on the same site, will double the size of the former branch from roughly 20,100 square feet to approximately 41,000 square feet.

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Additionally, an adjacent 4-level parking garage is being constructed by the City of Dublin with 200 spaces reserved for branch customers. Turner is the construction manager at risk and NBBJ is the architect.

The Dublin Branch project is the last project of CML's 10-project aspirational building program:

- The new **Driving Park Branch** opened July 12, 2014
- The new **Whitehall Branch** opened April 11, 2015
- The new **Parsons Branch** opened June 4, 2016
- The transformed **Main Library** opened June 25, 2016
- The new **Northern Lights Branch** opened Sept. 24, 2016
- The new **Shepard Branch** opened Oct. 13, 2016
- The new **Northside Branch** opened June 22, 2017
- The new **Hilliard Branch** opened June 21, 2018
- The new **Martin Luther King Branch** opened Oct. 18, 2018

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 21 locations are 40 to 50 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 has transformed and significantly upgraded 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 represented a major investment in downtown Columbus and the Discovery District.

Phase II will transform and significantly upgrade four additional branches (Karl Road, Hilltop, Gahanna and Reynoldsburg).

Visit 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, 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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