Library kicks off Summer Reading Club on June 3
Plus, new online program to track reading progress

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) kicks off its annual Summer Reading Club on Saturday, June 3 with a brand new online program. Beginning June 3, participants can sign up and track their reading progress from home, as well as earn badges and prizes, play fun games and learn valuable tips to help early readers. Visit columbuslibrary.org/summerreadingclub for more information.

Be a Hero. Read is the theme, inviting participants of all ages to read and earn great prizes while completing reading and library activity goals. The nine-week Summer Reading Club runs through Saturday, Aug. 5. All participants will need a CML library card to sign up.

CML welcomes the central Ohio community to enjoy a family-friendly celebration at Main Library (96 S. Grant Ave.) from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 3. People of all ages will enjoy activities, games, music and food – plus be able to sign up for Summer Reading Club or learn how to do it at home. Both the celebration and program are free and open to all.

Studies show that kids who read during the summer maintain reading skills that are critical to future school success. The Third Grade Reading Guarantee in Ohio means many central Ohio third graders could repeat the grade if they don’t pass state proficiency testing. This makes summer reading even more important, which is why, in addition to Summer Reading Club, CML locations will continue to offer Reading Buddies practice sessions throughout the summer months.

Last year, 58,800 children, teens and adults participated in Summer Reading Club, which includes more than 1,000 programs to enrich learning.

CML’s Summer Reading Club relies on its VolunTeens to help sign up customers and help with programs. Teens can sign up on CML’s Volunteer page. It’s a great way for 12-17-year-olds to start building professional skills they can put on resumes. VolunTeen registration often fills up at CML’s bigger locations and is first come, first served.

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Sign-up for Summer Reading Club begins online and at any CML location starting Saturday, June 3.

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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 Club 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 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. Columbus Metropolitan Library has been rated a 5-Star Library by Library Journal for seven of the eight years the magazine has published its industry ratings._
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Sign up at columbuslibrary.org/summerreadingclub for our NEW online Summer Reading Club.
Track reading and activities to earn badges and prizes.

Help your child be a better reader. Sign up at home or stop in any Columbus Metropolitan Library location.

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