Library’s public services director receives prestigious “Mover and Shaker” award from Library Journal

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) public services director Kathy Shahbodaghi has been named a “Mover and Shaker” in the library industry by the national publication Library Journal.

In its March 15, 2016 issue, Library Journal named 54 outstanding professionals committed to providing excellent service and shaping the future of libraries. Shahbodaghi was selected because of her commitment to the profession and dedication to impacting Young Minds.

Shahbodaghi currently serves CML as public services director, overseeing operations at CML’s New Albany and Dublin branches and leading CML’s Youth Services, Ready for Kindergarten and Ready to Read Corps outreach program.

“This year’s class of 54 joins a group of talented professionals who are committed, passionate, and invigorated – each alone and all together transforming the library world and the communities it impacts for the better,” said Rebecca T. Miller, editorial director of Library Journal and School Library Journal.

Shahbodaghi earned a B.S. in education from Ohio University and an M.L.S. from Kent State University before joining CML in 1985. Prior to her position as public services director, she served as CML’s youth services coordinator and manager of the children’s division at Main Library.

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The 2016 Movers & Shakers were selected by the editors of Library Journal, the profession’s leading trade magazine. Each of the Movers & Shakers will be prominently featured in the March 15 issue of Library Journal and celebrated at a special reception in June during the American Library Association’s annual conference in Orlando, FL. The print feature’s companion website is sponsored by OCLC and available at www.libraryjournal.com/movers2016.

Founded in 1876, Library Journal is one of the oldest and most respected publications covering the library field. Over 75,000 library directors, administrators, and staff in public, academic, and special libraries read LJ. Library Journal reviews over 8000 books, audiobooks, videos, databases, and web sites annually, and provides coverage of technology, management, policy, and other professional concerns. For more information, visit libraryjournal.com. Library Journal is a publication of Media Source Inc., which also owns School Library Journal, The Horn Book publications, and Junior Library Guild.

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for 142 years. 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 the Ready to Read Corps. 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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