Library kicks off Summer Reading Club on May 30

Annual program keeps kids reading over the summer

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) kicks off its annual Summer Reading Club on Saturday, May 30. **Be a Hero. Read** is the theme, inviting participants of all ages to read and earn great prizes while completing reading goals. The nine-week Summer Reading Club runs through Saturday, Aug. 1.

CML will not have a centralized kickoff event at Main Library this year since the building is being renovated, but customers are encouraged to stop by any of the following branches to celebrate the start of Summer Reading Club 2015:

**Saturday, May 30**

- **Gahanna Branch** | 10 a.m.-noon
  310 Granville St.
- **Hilliard Branch** | 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (activities throughout the day)
  4772 Cemetery Rd.
- **Hilltop Branch** | 2 p.m.
  511 S. Hague Ave.
- **Karl Road Branch** | 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
  5590 Karl Rd.
- **Martin Luther King Branch** | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  1600 E. Long St.
- **New Albany Branch** | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
  200 Market St.
- **South High Branch** | 1-3 p.m.
  3540 S. High St.

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Monday, June 1

- **Hilliard Branch** | 9 a.m.-9 p.m. (activities throughout the day)
  4772 Cemetery Rd.
- **Linden Branch** | 2-4 p.m.
  2223 Cleveland Ave.
- **Parsons Branch** | 5:30 p.m.
  845 Parsons Ave.
- **Shepard Branch** | 2 p.m.
  790 N. Nelson Rd.

Studies show that kids who read during the summer maintain reading skills that are critical to future school success. Now that the Third Grade Reading Guarantee in Ohio means [thousands of central Ohio third graders could repeat third grade](#) if they don't pass the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) for reading, summer reading is even more important. The library’s goal is to help children be better readers and help parents understand how they can help their children succeed at reading.

Last year, 72,000 children, teens and adults participated in the program that has seen measurable success. An OSU study found that children who participated in CML’s 2012 Summer Reading Club maintained their reading skills. Plus, Summer Reading Club is fun – with more than 1,000 programs and tons of books – not to mention eBooks – to read while earning great prizes.

Sign-up for Summer Reading Club begins online and at any CML location starting Saturday, May 30.

This year’s sponsors include RiteRug, Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, [Columbus Parent](#), Magic 106.3 FM, [ThisWeek Community News](#), Power 107.5 FM, NBC4, COTA and [Highlights](#).

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*Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for 142 years. With its Main Library and 21 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. In 2014, Columbus Metropolitan Library became the only large public library in the country to be rated a 5-Star Library for all seven years of Library Journal’s industry standards rating program.

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