

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS, CELEBRATES LANDMARK YEAR OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY IN 2025

COLUMBUS, OH — February 24, 2026 — The Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library Board of Trustees is proud to announce the appointment of three new members to its leadership team: Molly Moses, Ty Debevoise, and Renuka Prashanth. These individuals join a dedicated group of advocates committed to supporting the Columbus Metropolitan Library's (CML) mission of inspiring reading, sharing resources, and connecting people.

The Board is led by President Sarah Milks Bethel, Vice President Meredith Harper Bonham, Treasurer Ryan Price, Secretary Angela Ramos Fields, and Past-President Andrea Thomas. The new appointees join the officers and existing Board Members, completing a 24-member Board.

"We are thrilled to welcome Renuka, Molly, and Ty to the Friends of the Library Board. Each brings a strong professional background along with a lifelong love of libraries. As dedicated community members, they share a deep belief in the power of libraries to support literacy, creativity, and lifelong learning for people of all ages," said Sarah Milks Bethel, President of the Friends of the Library Board of Trustees. "Their energy, ideas, and commitment to advocacy will strengthen the work of the Friends and help ensure our library continues to serve as a welcoming hub for the entire community."

The Friends Board continues to play a vital role in the cultural and educational fabric of Central Ohio. Looking back at 2025, the organization celebrated a landmark year of programming and community engagement through sustained support for the Columbus Book Festival and the Celebration of Learning, ensuring literacy remains a community cornerstone. The Friends also brought neighbors together through popular programs like PB&J Jazz and Breakfast at the Branch. Furthermore, the Every Library initiative continued to lead the way in ensuring every neighborhood has access to a thriving branch.

The past year saw a surge in community participation, most notably with the Losinski Gallery achieving record-breaking attendance at its 2025 Gallery Receptions. This success cemented the gallery's status as a premier destination for local art and dialogue. Additionally, the Friends recently celebrated a monumental milestone with the 50th Anniversary Friends Birthday Bash, serving as a heartfelt thank you to the community for five decades of advocacy.

Community members who share this passion for literacy and local impact are encouraged to join the mission by becoming a Friend of the Library. Membership is open to all and provides a direct way to support library programs, staff appreciation, and branch advocacy. Interested individuals can join at various contribution levels by visiting the organization's website <<https://www.columbuslibrary.org/friends/join/>>.

About The Friends of Columbus Metropolitan Library: Friends of the Library is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization dedicated to building awareness and resources for the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Through fundraising, grassroots advocacy, and community programming, the Friends Board ensures the library remains a vital resource for all residents.

