



# I'M A FAN!



Winter 2016

## CML in Our Community

### Library programs impact thousands in 2015

Each year, thanks to the generosity and support of *friends* of the library, we are able to help our beloved library deploy critical programming geared to helping those in our community build a love for reading and learning.



Every year Friends of the Library provides major support to Columbus Metropolitan Library's **Summer Reading Club**, hosts **Summer Reading Camps** targeted to at-risk K-2nd graders reading below grade level, bring in a renowned teen author for **Teen Read Week** and fund programs that broaden the educational, literary and artistic experiences of library customers.

[Read more](#) about the incredible impact your support has in our community.

## Behind the Scenes at CML

### A Look Inside Main Library

It's cold outside now but before long it'll be June and you'll be invited to join us to celebrate the grand reopening of Main Library. The renovated space will transform the library to better meet the needs of a 21st century community and reflect that libraries are no longer only about collections, but are now also focused on connections. Check out the photos of the ongoing work and construction at Main Library and get excited for the grand reopening on June 25, 2016!



[Hard Hat Tour: Columbus Metropolitan Library Renovation & Expansion](#)

## FOL in the Branches

Did you know that Friends of the Library funds programming in all of the Columbus Metropolitan Library branches? Here are just a few of the great events that Friends of the Library members' dollars helped support recently.

**Ready for Kindergarten, Holiday Style:** The Hilliard Branch took a classic Christmas story, *The Mitten*, and created a learning experience for children and their parents. The staff demonstrated how to use the book and related activities to work on reading skills at home.

**Gingerbread Houses at Whetstone Branch:** The Teen Advisory Board hosted its annual program, helping 128 kids and their families experience this sweet holiday tradition. In its 8th year, this event brings families together at the library and is an opportunity for the teens to serve their community.

**Teens Meet Author Angela Johnson:** Teens at Karl Road and Martin Luther King Branches met the author of *First Part Last* and listened to her describe her writing process and answer questions. Many of the teens sent letters to the library staff thanking them for the chance to learn first-hand about creative writing. (Pictured above: more than 300 teens attended at Karl Road)

## CML in the News

In case you missed the latest news about CML, here are links to some stories to keep you up to date on what Columbus Metropolitan Library has been up to.

**New Whitehall Branch:** Visits to the new Whitehall Branch have dramatically increased since the new building opened in April 2015. Read more at "[Whitehall library booming in popularity since move,](#)" *This Week Community News*, December 1, 2015.

**CEO of the Year:** Columbus Metropolitan Library CEO, Patrick Losinski, was named CEO of the Year 2015 - Large Nonprofit, by *Columbus CEO*. Learn more about his strong leadership and vision for the library in this article. "[CEO of the Year - Patrick Losinski,](#)" *Columbus CEO*, December 2015.

**Grand Reopening:** Save the date! June 25, 2016 is the grand reopening of Main Library. Don't miss it! "[Main Library will reopen on June 25 after \\$32 million renovation,](#)" *Columbus Dispatch*, November 3, 2015.

**Driving Park Design Award:** New Driving Park Branch earns excellence in urban design award. The impact of the innovative design of the Driving Park Branch was recognized for both its architectural creativity as well as the large jump in branch use at the new building. Read more at "[Driving Park Library Wins 2015 Recchie Design Award](#)," *Columbus Underground*, October 8, 2015.

## Get Involved

### We're so glad you're a Fan!

We know the library is important to you and you care about the impact it has in our community. And we're sure you know others who feel the same. Please help us spread the word to your friends and neighbors and invite them to become Fans of the library, too! Forward this newsletter, post it on Facebook or other social media. Please include this link to our website: [Become a Fan](#). Remember, becoming a Fan is a way to say *my library is important to me!* Thank you.



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