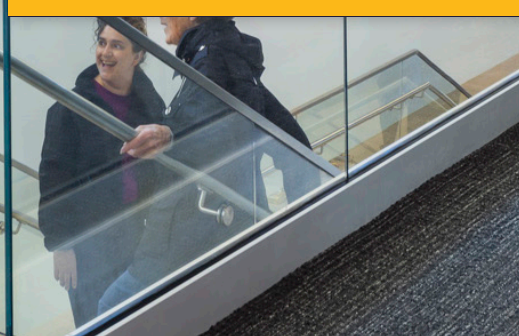




BUILDING LIBRARIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY



COLUMBUS
METROPOLITAN
LIBRARY

OUR VISION

A THRIVING COMMUNITY
WHERE WISDOM PREVAILS.

OUR PURPOSE

TO INSPIRE READING,
SHARE RESOURCES AND
CONNECT PEOPLE.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE
AN EXTENSION OF OUR
COMMUNITIES. WE ADAPT,
INNOVATE AND BECOME WHAT
OUR COMMUNITIES NEED TO
SUCCEED AND THRIVE.**



ASPIRATIONAL BUILDING PROGRAM

Building Libraries for the 21st Century Community

PHASE I

On July 30, 2013, we broke ground on our new Driving Park Branch and launched Phase I of our aspirational building program. On June 6, 2019, we opened the doors to our new Dublin Branch and closed the book on Phase I, whose chapters are stunning stories of neighborhood revitalization and transformed libraries in the Driving Park, Whitehall, Parsons, Main Library, Northern Lights, Shepard, Northside, Hilliard, Martin Luther King and Dublin communities.

PHASE II

On Sept. 9, 2021, we opened the doors to our new Karl Road Branch, the first new library in Phase II of our aspirational building plan. Our new Hilltop Branch opened on Sept. 30 that same year. Our new Gahanna Branch opened March 4, 2023 and our new Reynoldsburg Branch opened on April 24, 2024.

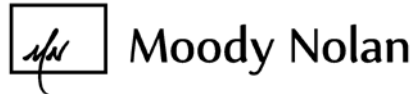
Coming in 2025 are new branches for the Linden, Barnett, Canal Winchester and Marion-Franklin communities.

New buildings alone don't make us one of the best libraries in the country, but they provide the updated infrastructure that allows our incredible staff to raise the bar on the work they do that impacts the lives of our customers in the communities we serve. We're proud of the work we do. We build libraries that will not only stand the test of time, but evolve with the ever-changing world in which we live.

We can't wait to see what the next few years bring. We're always looking to the future but remain rooted in our vision of a thriving community where wisdom prevails.

HOW WE DID IT

OUR ARCHITECTS



OUR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER



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WE PROVIDED EACH
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM
WITH **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
TO INTERPRET AND SHAPE
THE DESIGN OF OUR NEW
COMMUNITY LIBRARIES.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF OUR NEW BUILDINGS

Transparency Broad vistas into our buildings will pique curiosity about what happens in the library and draw the public inside.

Flexibility The spaces will have maximum flexibility: few fixed walls and open floor plans for future changes.

Iconic Design A bold design makes our innovative and forward-thinking drive for “a thriving community where wisdom prevails” visible to all.

Sustainability We'll be purposeful and respectful of best practices.

Technology Technologies are key library services and integrating creative applications is a must-have in our new buildings.

Innovative Programming We'll partner with community organizations to enhance our offerings to the public.

Customer Experience How do we best meet customer expectations and provide world-class service to world-class customers? It's what we work on every day.

Young Minds The children of our community are our top priority and our buildings will reflect this commitment.

Showcase Our Collection We'll bring our collection to the forefront of the customer experience, not hidden in rows of shelves.



DRIVING PARK BRANCH

1422 E. LIVINGSTON AVE.

Dedicated July 12, 2014

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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2014

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2015

James B. Recchie Design Award, Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2015



The previous Driving Park Branch was 6,000 sq. ft. The new branch is 15,000 sq. ft.





WHITEHALL BRANCH

4445 E. BROAD ST.

Dedicated April 11, 2015

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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2015

Building Award, American Institute of Architects/American Library Association | 2017

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2017



The previous Whitehall Branch was
7,500 sq. ft. The new branch is
20,000 sq. ft.





PARSONS BRANCH

1113 PARSONS AVE.

Dedicated June 4, 2016



Moody Nolan

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Design Citation, National Organization of Minority Architects | 2017

James B. Recchie Design Award (nominee), Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2017



The previous Parsons Branch was
7,600 sq. ft. The new branch is
19,000 sq. ft.





MAIN LIBRARY

96 S. GRANT AVE.

Dedicated June 25, 2016



GUND PARTNERSHIP



ARCHITECTURE. INSPIRED.

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Harrison W. Smith Award, Columbus Downtown Commission | 2016

James B. Recchie Design Award (finalist), Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2017

SOURCE Award (for lighting), Eaton | 2017

James B. Recchie Design Award, Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2019

Aesthetic Contribution Award (Kaufman Plaza), Discovery District SID | 2022

Our transformed Main Library features an inviting Grand Atrium that welcomes our customers in, a reimagined Children's Area that puts kids front and center, a light and spacious Reading Room overlooking Kaufman Plaza and the green space of Topiary Park, plus Meeting Rooms, Study Rooms and lots of open spaces for our community to gather. It's a civic centerpiece in the downtown Columbus Discovery District and a vital part of its revitalization.





NORTHERN LIGHTS BRANCH

4093 CLEVELAND AVE.

Dedicated September 24, 2016



ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARD

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2018

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2020



The previous Northern Lights Branch was 11,900 sq. ft. The new branch is 26,100 sq. ft.





SHEPARD BRANCH

850 N. NELSON RD.

Dedicated October 13, 2016



Moody Nolan

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2017

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2018



The previous Shepard Branch was 6,000 sq. ft. The new branch is 10,000 sq. ft.





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Shepard Branch

850

NORTHSIDE BRANCH

1423 N. HIGH ST.

Dedicated June 22, 2017

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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2017

James B. Recchie Design Award (nominee), Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2017

Library Interior Design Award, International Interior Design Association/
American Library Association | 2018

James B. Recchie Design Award, Columbus Landmarks Foundation | 2018



The previous Northside Branch was 7,700 sq. ft. The new branch is 24,900 sq. ft.





HILLIARD BRANCH

4500 HICKORY CHASE WAY

Dedicated June 21, 2018



ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARD

Reconstruction Award, Building Design + Construction | 2019



The previous Hilliard Branch was 20,000 sq. ft. The new branch, which moved into an existing building with interior renovation, is 63,000 sq. ft.





MARTIN LUTHER KING BRANCH

1467 E. LONG ST.

Dedicated October 18, 2018



Moody Nolan

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARDS

Merit Award (for conceptual design), American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2015

Honor Award (for unbuilt projects), American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2018

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2019

Grand Prize, Architectural Awards, Learning By Design | 2020

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2020

Honor Award, National Organization of Minority Architects | 2020



Our Martin Luther King Branch was the first public library to be named after the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King III, his oldest son, helped dedicate our new branch. The previous Martin Luther King Branch was 8,900 sq. ft. The new branch is 18,000 sq. ft.





DUBLIN BRANCH

75 N. HIGH ST.

Dedicated June 6, 2019

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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARD

Design Award Honorable Mention, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2019

Columbus Interior Design Award - Public/Civic, International Interior Design Association Columbus | 2019

Merit Award, American Institute of Architects Columbus | 2019

Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects | 2020

Achievement Award, American Council of Engineering Companies | 2021



The previous Dublin Branch was 20,100 sq. ft. The new branch is 41,000 sq. ft.





KARL ROAD BRANCH

5590 KARL RD.

Dedicated September 9, 2021



Moody Nolan

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARD

Honor Award, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2022



The previous Karl Road Branch was 20,000 sq. ft. The new branch is 41,500 sq. ft.






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Karl Road Branch

5590

HILLTOP BRANCH

511 S. HAGUE AVE.

Dedicated September 30, 2021



**Gresham
Smith**



The previous Hilltop Branch was 20,000 sq. ft. The new branch is 32,300 sq. ft.





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Hilltop Branch

511

FDC

GAHANNA BRANCH

310 GRANVILLE ST.

Dedicated March 4, 2023

nbbj

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN AWARD

Building Columbus Awards Honoree, Columbus Business First | 2023

People's Choice, American Institute of Architects Ohio | 2023



The previous Gahanna Branch was 21,400 sq. ft. The new branch is 36,400 sq. ft.





LIBRARY

REYNOLDSBURG BRANCH

1402 BRICE RD.

Dedicated April 24, 2024



The previous Reynoldsburg Branch was 19,800 sq. ft. The new branch is 39,200 sq. ft.





NEW LIBRARIES COMING IN 2025



Linden Branch



Barnett Branch



Canal Winchester Branch



Marion-Franklin Branch



Columbus Metropolitan Library serves Franklin County in neighborhoods large and small, urban and suburban, providing programs and services for customers of all ages and from all walks of life. We serve a larger, global community through our website, columbuslibrary.org, and the resources we provide in this ever-changing and evolving digital age. We are open to all, removing barriers to access to information and technology, so our customers can learn, grow and thrive.





