JOIN US FOR OUR 26TH ANNUAL
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

On behalf of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation Board and the 2018 Celebration of Learning Host Committee, we invite you to become a sponsor of this year’s 26th Celebration of Learning. The first Friday of November is an annual highlight of the central Ohio events calendar, bringing together prominent business and philanthropic leaders to celebrate and strengthen Columbus Metropolitan Library’s commitment to creating a thriving community where wisdom prevails. Each year, generous organizations like yours sponsor this special event.

The 26th annual Celebration of Learning features Bill Bryson, author of the acclaimed A Short History of Nearly Everything and the recently released Icons of England. Bryson’s A Walk in the Woods, a tome about his adventures walking the Appalachian Trail, was turned into a feature film starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte and named to TIME magazine’s list of “All-time 100 Best Nonfiction Books.” Bryson, an Iowa native and current resident of England, has penned more than 20 books.

The evening also features the annual presentation of the Julian Sinclair Smith Award to a member of the central Ohio community who exemplifies a spirit of lifelong learning and service. It’s our opportunity to honor someone who consistently provides a helping hand in making central Ohio a place where wisdom prevails.

The 2018 Celebration of Learning promises to be an event to remember – a night that brings together our closest friends to celebrate literature, libraries, and the people who love them.

We hope to see you on Friday, November 2, at Main Library!

Melanie & Mike DeAscentis
Celebration of Learning Host Committee Chairs
AN EVENING OF "QUIRKY OBSERVATIONS AND COMIC SENSIBILITY" WITH AUTHOR BILL BRYSON

Best-selling author Bill Bryson has established himself as one of the world’s most beloved and prolific commentators, finding delight in the minutiae of travel and the subtleties of culture. He’s chronicled everything from hiking the Appalachian Trail in the immensely popular *A Walk in the Woods* to capturing the zeitgeist of the Roaring 20’s in *One Summer: America 1927*.

Bryson rose to prominence in the United Kingdom with the publication of *Notes from a Small Island*, a humorous exploration of Great Britain, which was also adapted for television. He received further acclaim for *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, a book noted for its approachable communication of science. As both a speaker and an author, it’s his unique comic sensibilities that continue to entertain readers and audiences.

“Bryson could write an essay about dryer lint or fever reducers and still make us laugh out loud.”

— Chicago Sun Times

Despite the acclaim, the award-winning Bryson is as unassuming as any Iowa-born British citizen can be. He charms audiences with the same warmth, goofy wit and dry, self-effacing humor that make his books so universally appealing.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
at Main Library

6:00 p.m.
Cocktail Reception

7:15 p.m.
Program

8:30 p.m.
Dinner

9:00 p.m.
Book Signing

11:00 p.m.
Event Ends
SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY’S GREATEST NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

**Digital Downloads**
- 1.6 million books and materials circulated

**Library Cardholders**
- 656,000 library cardholders

**Computers and Wireless Sessions**
- 2 million computer and wireless sessions

**Locations Serving Franklin County**
- 23 locations serving Franklin County

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HOW YOUR CELEBRATION OF LEARNING DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GIVING KIDS A HELPING HAND ALL YEAR LONG

**Children Attended**
- 110,000 children attended to learn skills ready for kindergarten storytime

**Reading Buddies Sessions**
- 34,000 reading buddies K-3 students sessions

**Homework Help Sessions**
- 101,000 homework help sessions

**Classrooms Receiving CML Book Delivery Service**
- 398 classrooms receiving CML book delivery service

**Kids Cards Issued**
- 22,000 kids cards issued
CELEBRATE LEARNING WITH US

Your sponsorship dollars not only make this special evening possible, they also underwrite Teen Read Week and the library’s greatest needs and highest priorities.

Teen Read Week reaches more than 1,000 middle and high school students at Columbus Metropolitan Library locations throughout our system during the nationally recognized week of October 7-13. This year’s author, Nnedi Okorafor, is a Nigerian-American writer of young adult fantasy and science-fiction. At the conclusion of 2017’s closing event, which saw 800 students at Main Library, one student told us that hearing our guest author “was the best day of school ever.”

Your support is one of the reasons why.

Gold Sponsors and above receive additional recognition on:

• Emails that feature Teen Read Week, reaching over 225,000 cardholders.
• Teen Read Week promotional materials making over 400,000 impressions on visitors throughout all 23 Columbus Metropolitan Library locations.
• Teen Read Week press release distributed to local media partners.
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