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**Local OhioMeansJobs Center Partners with Columbus Metropolitan Library to bring Job Services to library locations.**

COLUMBUS, OHIO- July 11, 2018 – Franklin County’s unemployment rate currently sits under 4%; however, many communities still see high unemployment and not enough resources to help them find sustainable jobs. OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County is partnering with Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) this summer to bring the Jobs Mobile to library locations across the county. The first tour kicked off on June 13, 2018 with 92 library customers visiting the Jobs Mobile to learn about services.

“Many job seekers are unable to physically come to our job center due to challenges with transportation, and we felt it was time for us to bring the services directly to them” said Lisa Patt-McDaniel, President & CEO of WDBCO. “We selected the library because of our partnership- they are conveniently located on a bus line, and they play a key role in addressing the varied employment- related needs of workers, job seekers and employers”.

In 2017, legislation was enacted to strengthen partnerships between Ohio’s Workforce System and the Public Library System across the State. The purpose was to facilitate collaboration and coordination of workforce programs, education and job training resources.

“At Columbus Metropolitan Library, our vision is a thriving community where wisdom prevails,” says CML CEO Patrick Losinski. “We know that a strong community relies on a strong workforce. Providing resources and opportunities for job-seekers is one of the library’s top priorities.”

The OhioMeansJobs Jobs Mobile is a Class A Motorhome with 12 computer stations equipped with internet access for mini workshops, print capabilities for resume development and a SMART screen for presentations. The Jobs Mobile was originally bought during the Great Recession with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds.

The ‘Jobs Mobile on the Move’ occurs every Wednesday and will make stops at two library locations per week from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm. OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County staff will be on hand providing information on training programs and services available for youth and adults and helping jobseekers identify a career pathway that matches their skills and work experience.

For the ‘Jobs Mobile on the Move’ list of locations, visit [www.omjfc.org](http://www.omjfc.org) or [www.columbuslibrary.org](http://www.columbuslibrary.org)

*The Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (WDBCO) is the Strategy, Policy and Governance Board for Area 11, Columbus and Franklin Counties Workforce Development. Our mission is to partner with area businesses and organizations on workforce needs so that people are fully employed at their ability and potential in the thriving Central Ohio economy.*

*Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio since 1873. With its Main Library and 22 branches, CML is well known for signature services and programs like Homework Help Centers, Reading Buddies, Summer Reading Challenge and Ready for Kindergarten. 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 and career 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. CML was also named 2010 Library of the Year by Library Journal*