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Artist donates bicentennial book to library Special event for book and art display Thursday, May 2

COLUMBUS—Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) will receive two books for each of its 21 locations of local artist Mary Jo Bole's latest book, *Combing Columbus: Photogenic Drawings for the Bicentennial*, at a special presentation on Thursday, May 2, at 10 a.m. at Main Library, 2nd Floor, 96 S. Grant Ave. Guests can chat with the artist, check out her book and see her work currently exhibited at Main Library. Malcolm Cochran, Curator of **Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012** will be on hand as well to discuss the impact of art in the community.

An avid researcher and multifaceted artist, Bole created her book as one of 13 projects that comprise Finding Time: Columbus Public Art 2012, a program developed to celebrate Columbus' bicentennial. She spent months researching aspects of Columbus' past and present, making drawings and paintings based on her findings and compiling them in a book. Her work includes historical images and stories of Columbus ranging from the profound and moving to the absurd and hilarious.

The *Combing Columbus: Photogenic Drawings for the Bicentennial* exhibit at Main Library includes works from Bole's drawing included in her book. One of the most popular pieces involves drawings from the Doo Dah Parade. The exhibit runs through Saturday, May 18, and is free and open to the public. Main Library is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

For more information, visit columbuslibrary.org. **Images are available upon request.**

Columbus Metropolitan Library has served the people of Franklin County, Ohio for more than 125 years. Consisting of Main Library and 20 branches, CML is well-known for its signature programs such as Homework Help Centers, Job Help Centers, Summer Reading Club and the Ready to Read Corps. 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 (Ready to Read); high school graduation rates (Homework Help Centers); and, adults in need of employment resources (Job Help Centers).

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. In 2012, Columbus Metropolitan Library became the only large public library in the country to be rated a 5-Star Library for all five years of Library Journal's industry standards rating program.

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