

For Immediate Release:

May 20, 2014

Media Contacts:

Columbus Metropolitan Library:
Ben Zenitsky, (614) 849-1045, (614) 315-3766 cell
bzenitsky@columbuslibrary.org

COSI
Jaclyn Reynolds, (614) 629-3114
jreynolds@cosi.org

Columbus Museum of Art
Nancy Colvin, (614) 629-0303
nancy.colvin@cmaohio.org

Franklin Park Conservatory
Lori Kingston, (614) 715-8150
lkingston@fpconservatory.org

***COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART, COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY, COSI,
AND FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY PRESENT
SUMMER OF IMAGINATION***

(Columbus, OH) – Experience the Summer of Imagination in Columbus! The Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Metropolitan Library, COSI and Franklin Park Conservatory have partnered to create a Columbus adventure designed to inspire your imagination.

Pick up a Summer of Imagination map in the June and July issues of *Columbus Parent* and let it guide you on your quest throughout the city. Join the Summer Reading Club at Columbus Metropolitan Library, experience the magic of storytelling in Columbus Museum of Art's *Imagine! The Art of the Picturebook*, discover *The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes* at COSI, and enjoy *Blooms and Butterflies* at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Have your map stamped at all four stops and enter to win a Grand Prize. *Columbus Parent* is the Media Partner for Summer of Imagination.

Summer of Imagination Events

Columbus Metropolitan Library events:

Summer Reading Club (free), May 31 – August 2: *Imagine Your Story. Read.*

Kicks off Saturday, May 31 with music and fun! 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library (downtown)

Summer Reading Club keeps kids and teens reading during the summer so they can start the next school year ready to succeed. Children birth to age 4 can participate with activities to help them learn how to read. Summer Reading Club is free, with books and eBooks to inspire readers of all ages, plus fun and educational programs at all 21 Columbus Metropolitan Library locations.

For more information about Columbus Metropolitan Library's Summer Reading Club, check out columbuslibrary.org/summerreadingclub.

COSI's An Unsolved Mystery

All summer long at CML

We need you to help us use crime scene investigation methods to figure out this crime that took place at COSI!

Columbus Museum of Art's Fantasy World Games

All summer long at CML

You can build your own game from scratch, based on an imaginary world of your own invention.

Columbus Museum of Art events:

Imagine! The Art of the Picturebook

June 20 – September 28

Experience the magic of storytelling in *Imagine! The Art of the Picturebook*. This exhibition explores the art of children's picturebooks through illustrations from the collection of Carol and Guy Wolfenbarger, Columbus natives.

Why Picturebooks Matter

Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 PM

Leonard Marcus, children's picturebook historian and author is also one of the most trusted critics in the field. His incisive book reviews appeared in every issue of *Parenting* magazine for 21 years. He currently reviews for *The New York Times Book Review*. This program is \$5 for CMA members and \$10 for nonmembers. To guarantee a seat, please make a reservation early by visiting <https://members/columbusmuseum.org/imagine> or by calling 614.629.0359.

Counting Crocodiles

Saturday, July 12, 10:00 AM

Ohio author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand demonstrates the creative process he has used in writing and illustrating more than fifty picturebooks. Several examples of his work appear in *Imagine!* Following the program, he will be available to sign books. Free with CMA admission. To guarantee your seat, please make a reservation early by visiting columbusmuseum.org.

COSI events:***The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes***

Until September 1

The streets of London – dark, shadowy, mysterious – set the stage for visitors to follow in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, the literary creation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Join the master detective on his pursuit to crack the most intricate mysteries using the powers of deduction and the most cutting-edge 19th century techniques of forensic science.

Big Machines

June 14-22, during COSI hours

Bulldozers, forklifts, and dump trucks arrive at COSI for the week. More than a dozen pieces of construction equipment will be available, and the event is sure to be BIG fun for the whole family!

COSI's Summer Movie Series

All summer long from June 13 – August 30

Your favorite science fiction, fantasy, and cult classic films come to the largest digital screen in Central Ohio. Visit cosi.org/summerflicks for titles and show times. \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Franklin Park Conservatory events:**Blooms & Butterflies**

Until September 28

The 20th anniversary of this popular exhibition features hundreds of colorful, exotic butterflies flying freely in the Pacific Island Water Garden, a warm and tropical haven filled with bright nectar blooms. See new butterflies emerge from their chrysalises, then watch them take their first flight during daily presentations at 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

Amazing Butterflies

May 17 – September 21

Families explore this interactive experience and learn the surprising challenges butterflies face every day. Adventure through the leaves, learn how to move like a caterpillar, discover an ant that reaps the reward of an unusual friendship, then transform into a butterfly to take flight!

Glass Blowing Hot Shop

Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Saturday – Sunday, Noon-3:00 PM

Housed in an outdoor glassblowing pavilion, the Hot Shop features daily demonstrations by local, professional gaffers—master glass blowers—as they gather molten glass and transform it into a finished piece of blown-glass artwork. Demonstrations begin every half hour during the listed times.

#