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### **Elmhurst Public Library Receives Four-Star Status for the Fourth Year in a Row**

*Elmhurst, IL* – Elmhurst Public Library received a national ranking in *Library Journal's* annual review of public libraries. Like the last four years, the Library earned four out of five stars. This year 9,309 public libraries were rated and only 261 qualified as star libraries.

*Library Journal* reviews public library data reported to the government—visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet terminal use per capita—and ranks the best performing libraries within budget categories. Elmhurst Public Library placed 14th nationwide and 4th in Illinois in the \$5-9.9M category, with notably high visits and circulation per capita.

In an article published with the rankings, *Library Journal* explores the star libraries across the nation. For top libraries like Elmhurst Public Library, the two longest established per capita measures—circulation and visits—continue to establish libraries with star ratings. The best libraries also have welcoming facilities with well-targeted programs, and collections with range and depth. Technology is also an important factor affecting scores.

For more information about Elmhurst Public Library's four-star status and the full article from *Library Journal*, visit [elmlib.org/stars](http://elmlib.org/stars)

Elmhurst Public Library enriches life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to connect, create, and explore. EPL provides the support, resources, and environment for Elmhurst patrons to: pursue a love of reading; access

information; explore interests; engage with technology; connect with others; and create and innovate. Elmhurst Public Library is the place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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