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Elmhurst Public Library Receives Four-Star Status for the Second Year in a Row

Elmhurst, IL – For the fourth year in a row, Elmhurst Public Library received a national ranking in *Library Journal's* annual review of public libraries, and like last year, the Library earned four out of five stars. This year 7,573 public libraries were rated and only 263 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 5th 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 many new 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 an important factor affecting scores.

For more information about Elmhurst Public Library's four-star status and the full article from *Library Journal*, visit <http://elmhurstpubliclibrary.org/press-room/four-stars/>.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Library provides the support and

resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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