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Elmhurst Public Library Receives Five-Star Status

Elmhurst, IL – For the fifth year in a row, Elmhurst Public Library received a five-star rating in a national ranking of *Library Journal's* annual review of public libraries. The 2021 index represents a pre-pandemic snapshot, since it is based on data released by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the 2019 fiscal year.

A total of 5,846 U.S. public libraries were rated nationwide. In Illinois, only nine libraries earned the five-star rating, including Elmhurst Public Library.

“The world is in the midst of change on many fronts, but the Library's commitment to top-notch customer service, innovative offerings, and meeting people's needs and expectations carries on,” says Mary Beth Harper, director. “Our high marks are a reflection of a community that values and uses their Library. It is wonderful to be recognized for our efforts for the fifth year in a row and we thank our community for making us a vital part of Elmhurst.”

Library Journal reviews public library data reported to the government—visits, checkouts, program attendance, e-material circulation, public computer use and Wi-Fi sessions per capita—and ranks the best performing libraries within budget categories. Elmhurst Public Library placed in the top ten nationwide in the \$5-9.9M category, with notably high visits and public internet computer users per capita. For more information about Elmhurst Public Library's five-star status and the full article from *Library Journal*, visit elmlib.org/stars.