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Elmhurst Public Library Earns Five-Star Status

Elmhurst, IL – For the sixth 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 2022 index represents data released by the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS) for the 2020 fiscal year.

Out of 5,359 U.S. public libraries rated nationwide, Elmhurst Public Library was ranked #1 in its budget level (\$5-9.9M). Thirteen libraries in Illinois earned five stars, the top rating.

“We can all be proud of receiving this designation for the sixth year in a row because it takes all of us to make it happen,” says Mary Beth Harper, director. “Thanks to the creative and dedicated staff, the Board of Trustees who diligently work to support our efforts and represent the community, and the people of Elmhurst, for continuing to appreciate and use their Library.”

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 at the top nationwide in the \$5-9.9M category, with notably high visits and wi-fi sessions per capita.

For more information about Elmhurst Public Library’s five-star status, visit elmlib.org/stars