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Library Achieves 5-Star Rating by Library Journal

Library Journal recently announced Washington-Centerville Public Library was one of only 85 public libraries nationwide, to be recognized as a 5-Star Library in their Index of Public Library Service. “We are proud to be in the top 1 percent of the 7,300 public libraries across the country measured by this index. We couldn’t achieve this level of success without the hard work of our library staff, a dedicated Library Board of Trustees and a supportive community that loves its library,” expressed Library Director Kim Senft-Paras.

The Index of Public Library Service rates libraries based on their performance as compared to their ‘spending peers’, or libraries with similar operating expenditures. Performance is measured and points are awarded in the areas of traditional circulation, digital circulation, library visits, program attendance, and public internet use. The number of stars a library receives is determined by the total number of points earned in each area. Washington-Centerville Public has been rated a Star Library every year since the index began in 2009. “This rating is a testament to the Library’s commitment to consistently provide high quality collections, programs, and services to our users,” says Ms. Senft-Paras.

Overall, 23 Ohio libraries were recognized as Star Libraries with only Washington-Centerville Public Library and Wright Memorial Library being recognized locally. “Ohio libraries are often referred to as the best in the nation and this is just one more affirmation of just how strong our libraries are, regardless of their size or geographic location,” expressed State Librarian Beverly Cain.

For more information on Washington-Centerville Public Library, contact the library at 433-8091 or visit wclibrary.info.

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