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## Library named as prestigious Five-Star Library by *Library Journal* for fifth consecutive year

“Having access to a library, especially an amazing one like the one here in Cincinnati, opens up amazing worlds and opportunities for me and my family,” muses Jennifer Jansen of Reading. “We are able to read just about anything we want to, but could never afford to buy on our own.”

Fans of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County know they’ll receive top-rated service and care at their branch. And this week, the library field’s leading professional publication, the *Library Journal* confirmed your hometown Library is among the best in the nation. The publication recognized the Library —for the fifth year in a row — by designating it as a Five-Star Library.



The *Library Journal*’s Index of Public Library Service is a national ranking system comparing U.S. public libraries on the quantities of services they deliver based on per capita statistics for library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet use. The *Library Journal* gives an overall indication of how libraries stack up to their peers nationally.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is among the top two libraries in the country in the \$30+ million expenditure category and is one of only five libraries nationwide in its category to receive a Five-Star Library rating. The Library is first in the nation in circulation of digital items with 3.9 eCircs per capita. This year’s ratings were based on 2015 data, which libraries reported to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“The Library is constantly changing and adapting to meet the needs of the residents of Hamilton County,” said Kimber L. Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library. “This prestigious recognition from the *Library Journal* proves our commitment to stay relevant is appreciated by our cardholders.”

### About The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is one of the oldest, largest, and busiest libraries in the United States, serving a population of over 800,000 with a collection of more than 9 million items. In support of its mission of connecting people with the world of ideas and information, the Library also offers a wide variety of services and more than 20,000 free programs each year. For more information, visit [CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org).