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HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NAMED A 'STAR LIBRARY' FOR THE SEVENTH TIME

Belcamp, Md., November 4, 2015 -- For the seventh time, Harford County Public Library was designated one of America's Star Libraries by *Library Journal*, a ranking attained by fewer than 3.4 percent of public libraries in the United States.

The recognition was announced in the eighth edition of the *Library Journal* Index of Public Library Service, sponsored by Baker & Taylor's Bibliostat.

The *LJ* Index is a measurement tool that compares U.S. public libraries with their spending peers based on four types of output measures—library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer use.

“Harford County Public Library being named a ‘star library’ for the seventh time is quite an honor,” said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. “Making our library accessible and relevant to our customers is vital to what we do. We provide our customers with what they expect from a library, such as books, classes in a variety of topics for adults and children alike, and the latest technology. We are honored by the recognition and will continue to provide our customers with the best possible library experience.”

Harford County Public Library operates eleven branches located throughout Harford County. The library serves more than 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages

and has an annual circulation of more than 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit hcplonline.org.

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