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### **GREENWICH LIBRARY RATED A FIVE-STAR LIBRARY BY *LIBRARY JOURNAL***

Greenwich, CT – Greenwich Library was named a five-star library by *Library Journal*. The rating is based on 2006 data reported by local libraries to their state library agencies and compiled by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

In June 2008, *Library Journal* announced a new assessment tool for public libraries—the *LJ* index of public library service output. It is determined equally by four related per capita output indicators: visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use. The top libraries in each category, organized by ranges of operating expenditures, were then assigned five, four, or three stars. A total of 256 libraries received star ratings.

“The simplest way to explain the local and regional success of Greenwich Library is to point to the indefatigable dedication of the staff, the Trustees and an army of Friends volunteers to fulfill the mission and vision of the Library,” said Carol Mahoney, the library’s director. “All involved are committed to the highest levels of internal and patron service.”

Other five-star libraries include the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC; Middle Country Public Library, NY; Columbus Metropolitan Library, OH; Hennepin County Library, MN; Salt Lake City Public Library, UT; Shuter Library of Angel Fire, NM; Pasadena Public Library, CA; and Delta Community Library, AK.

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### **About Greenwich Library**

The Greenwich Library system consists of the Main Library and its Byram Shubert and Cos Cob branches. The mission of the library is to provide free and convenient access to information and to promote the love of reading and research, the joy of lifelong learning, and engagement with the arts, sciences and humanities. With 1,100 programs and events per year, the Library seeks to serve as the cultural and intellectual crossroads of the community. Greenwich Library has a total circulation of about 1.4 million, the highest reported in Connecticut. The Main Library is located at 101 West Putnam Avenue in Greenwich. More information is available online at [www.greenwichlibrary.org](http://www.greenwichlibrary.org) or by calling 203-622-7900.