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**Beverly Hills Public Library Receives Coveted Five Star Rating**  
*Ranked One of the Top Libraries in the United States*

Beverly Hills, CA – For a second year in a row, the Beverly Hills Public Library (BHPL) is awarded five stars by the prestigious Library Journal, making it one of the top libraries in the nation and in California.

“The 5-Star rating is based on library usage – questions answered, items checkout, program participation, website traffic – and our usage at Beverly Hills Public Library is comparable to libraries serving a much larger population (in the hundreds of thousands), said Marilyn Taniguchi, Library Services Manager. “The City of Beverly Hills is thrilled to receive this five-star rating for a second time in a row, which honors our treasured Library for being a center of information, recreation, learning and fun for all ages. The ability to achieve the highest rating recognizes the outstanding resources and service provided to our local community.”

The November issue of Library Journal ranked libraries based on per capita statistics, including circulation, library visits, total program attendance, public internet terminal use and electronic circulation.

Beverly Hills is one of only two libraries in California to receive a Five Star Rating. Only 13 libraries in California received a starred ranking – Five Star is the highest ranking, the other rankings are Four Star and Three Star.

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