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Beverly Hills Public Library Receives Coveted 5 Star Rating *BHPL Ranks in Top 3 Libraries in California*

Beverly Hills, CA – The Beverly Hills Public Library (BHPL) has been awarded five stars by the prestigious *Library Journal*, making it one of the top 85 libraries in the nation and top three in California. BHPL's rating is a move up from its four star rating earlier this year.

The November issue of *Library Journal* ranked libraries based on per capita statistics, including circulation, visits, total program attendance and public internet terminal uses. In their article, "America's Star Libraries: The LJ Index of Public Library Service 2009, Round 2," authors Ray Lyons and Keith Curry Lance rated the nation's public libraries on quantity of services provided on a per capita basis, to assess the services patrons received from libraries based on how much they are used.

"The City of Beverly Hills is absolutely thrilled to receive this five star rating which honors our treasured Library for being a center of information, recreation, learning and fun for all ages," said Mayor Nancy Krasne. "In challenging economic times, our top-notch library staff is truly 'doing more with less'. Their ability to achieve an even higher rating recognizes the outstanding service they provide to our local community."

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