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**Washington-Centerville Library**

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**Library Achieves 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive 5-Star Rating**

Library Journal recently recognized Washington-Centerville Public Library as a 5-Star Library, for the third consecutive year, in their Index of Public Library Service. “We have consistently performed well in this index and couldn’t achieve this level of success without the hard work of our library staff, a dedicated Library Board of Trustees and a supportive community that loves its library,” expressed Library Director Liz Fultz. Over the past 10 years, the Library has been rated 5 Star on seven occasions, placing it in the top 1 percent public libraries nationwide that are measured by this index.

The Index of Public Library Service rates libraries based on their performance as compared to their ‘spending peers’, or libraries with similar operating expenditures. Performance is measured and points are awarded in the areas of traditional circulation, digital circulation, library visits, program attendance, public internet use, and WiFi use. The number of stars a library receives is determined by the total number of points earned in each area. “This rating is a testament to the Library’s commitment to consistently provide high quality collections, programs, and services to our users,” says Ms. Fultz.

Overall, 23 Ohio libraries were recognized as Star Libraries with Washington-Centerville Public Library, the only library locally to be named 5 Star. “Ohio libraries are often referred to as the best in the nation and this is just one more affirmation of just how strong our libraries are, regardless of their size or geographic location,” expressed State Librarian Beverly Cain.

For more information on Washington-Centerville Public Library, contact the library at 433-8091 or visit [wcplibrary.info](http://wcplibrary.info).

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