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WRL Named Star Library by Library Journal for 11th Year

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Jan. 6, 2022) – *Library Journal* has once again named Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) one of the top public libraries in the country.

Out of 5,608 U.S. public libraries qualified to be ranked in 2021, WRL is among only 4.7% of public libraries given a Star Library status by *Library Journal*, a prestigious national publication. Since *Library Journal* began this ranking system 14 years ago, WRL has made the list 11 times. In the most recent list released at the end of 2021, WRL received a three-star rating.

“We are honored to join only three other libraries in Virginia to receive a Star Library rating this year,” said Library Director Betsy Fowler. “Receiving a star rating for so many years is a testament to the important role WRL plays in making this such a vibrant community and to its innovative, hard-working staff who bring a wide array of programs, materials, and services to the citizens of the Historic Triangle.”

The magazine assigns libraries star ratings based on direct measures of library services such as circulation of library materials per capita, number of visits to the library, library program attendance, and library computer and WiFi use. The *Library Journal* scores that drive its star ratings are based on data reported annually by public libraries to their state library agencies and compiled nationally by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“This national recognition is a direct result of the continued care and investment in the regional library by James City County, the City of Williamsburg, and York County, as well as the work of the library board and the contributions of many donors, volunteers, and the Friends of the Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation,” Fowler said.

The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) is an award-winning regional library system that consists of the Williamsburg Library on Scotland St. in Williamsburg, the James City County Library on Croaker Rd. in James City County, the Stryker Center on N. Boundary St. in Williamsburg, and its Mobile Library Services vehicles. The WRL service area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

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