

PRESS RELEASE

WRL Receives Star Library Rating for 12th Year

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (Dec 9, 2022) – Williamsburg Regional Library has once again been recognized as one of the top public libraries in the country by *Library Journal*.

Out of 5,359 U.S. public libraries qualified to be ranked in 2022, WRL is among only 4.8% of public libraries given a Star Library status by *Library Journal*, a prestigious national publication. Since *Library Journal* began this ranking system 15 years ago, WRL has made the list 12 times. In the most recent list released at the end of 2022, WRL received a three-star rating.

“We are honored to join only five other libraries in Virginia to receive a Star Library rating this year,” said Library Director Betsy Fowler. “Receiving recognition from *Library Journal* for so many years solidifies how WRL plays a vital role in inspiring the citizens of the Historic Triangle through innovative programming, materials, and services.”

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 would not be possible without the continuous support and investment in our regional system by James City County, the City of Williamsburg, and York County, as well as the work of the library board and the contributions of 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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