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Elmhurst Public Library Ranked 6th Nationally, 1st in Illinois

ELMHURST, IL —The Hennen's American Public Library Rating (HAPLR™) Index, 2010 Edition, has ranked the Elmhurst Public Library sixth nationally in its population category. The library was also rated first in its category among other Illinois public libraries.

This marks the sixth year in a row and the eighth time in the ranking's ten years that the library has received a top-ten ranking from the HAPLR™ Index. Ranking in the 99th percentile, the library was compared to 873 other public libraries rated across the country with similar populations. In Illinois, EPL is the top-rated library of the 69 in its category. In the 2008 and 2009 editions of the rankings, the library took fifth and sixth nationally.

The Index focuses on 15 factors, including circulation, staffing, materials, reference service, and funding levels. HAPLR™ identifies the public libraries in America with the highest input and output measures. The HAPLR™ Index uses six input and nine output measures. Scores for each library within a population category are added to develop a weighted score. The population categories change at 1,000, 2,500, 5,000, 10,000, 25,000, 50,000, 100,000, 250,000, and 500,000 residents. Elmhurst is in the 25,000-50,000 population category. The HAPLR™ Index is similar to an ACT or SAT score with a theoretical minimum of 1 and a maximum of 1,000; most libraries score between 260 and 730. In this year's edition, EPL earned an astonishing score of 903, trumping last year's 897.

For more information, visit <http://www.haplr-index.com>.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. The Library provides the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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