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Cranbury Public Library is one of America's Star Libraries

*Cranbury Public Library received three stars in
The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service 2009*

Cranbury, NJ, February 2009 – Cranbury Public Library was listed as one of America's Star Libraries in the February 15, 2009 issue of *Library Journal*. This past year *Library Journal* developed a new assessment tool for public libraries called "The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service". The index looks at four areas of library service: visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet computer use. Libraries are scored in relation to other libraries in peer groups based on total operating expenditures. Cranbury Public Library was one of 256 libraries in the United States to receive three or more stars and one of only six libraries in New Jersey.

"It's great to be recognized as a Star Library," said Marilyn Mullen, the director of the Library. Our staff strives to provide the highest quality of service and this Index shows we are doing it right."

Cranbury Public Library reports its statistics each year to the NJ State Library. *Library Journal* used information from each state to compile their Index. "Because we are a joint facility we are careful to report only library circulation on public library cards – not school cards. The same care is taken with visits, programs and Internet use. We report only the public library statistics," Ms. Mullen confirmed. The libraries' rating in each service area is based on annual use per capita. Cranbury Public Library's service ratings were as follows: Circulation - 11.6; Visits - 18.3; Program Attendance - 1.3; and Internet Use - 6.8. The Index was based on 2006 data. To read the online version of the *Library Journal* article go to www.libraryjournal.com/ljindex2009.

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