



Norwich Public Library Designated a “Star Library” by *Library Journal*

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Norwich Public Library has been designated a Star library by Library Journal in [The LJ Index of Public Library Service list of American’s Star Libraries 2020](#). This is the library’s first time being recognized as a Star library.

“A Star ranking by Library Journal is a recognition of how much the Norwich community values and uses the Library. Out of more than 9,000 libraries nation-wide, only 260 are ranked. That’s both a measure of NPL’s great staff and the overwhelming support of the community and our users. It also keeps us motivated to make sure we continue to provide great services every day,” said Lucinda Walker, Norwich Library Director. Norwich Public Library is one of only three Vermont libraries listed.

Library Journal uses data from the U.S.’s Institute of Museum and Library Services to determine which public library qualifies for their Index. From the 6,333 libraries that qualified, 261 libraries were rated with stars from three to five. Since The LJ Index requires libraries to meet six criteria, not all U.S. public libraries were in consideration. The libraries’ ranking on the Index is determined by the numbers of Wi-Fi sessions, “total circulation, circulation of electronic materials, library visits, program attendance, and public internet computer use” per capita and within a funding amount category, as per the LJ website.