

MDI's Star Libraries

SOUTHWEST HARBOR – Northeast Harbor Library and Southwest Harbor Public Library have been named star libraries by the American Library Association's *Library Journal*. This designation is based on statistics for circulation, digital downloads, library visits, program attendance, and public access computer use – per capital. This information is derived from data released by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Camden Public Library, Milbridge Public Library, and Southwest Harbor Public Library each received five stars. Guilford Memorial Library and Northeast Harbor Library each received three stars.

Of the 7,409 public libraries that qualified, only 259 received a three-star, four-star, or five-star designation.

“I think the fact that two of the five, star-rated libraries in Maine are on Mount Desert Island shows this area is truly a community of readers and library supporters. In fact, all of the libraries on the island are well loved, supported and respected. I am proud we are one of them,” says Southwest Harbor Public Library Director, Candy Emlen.