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NATIONAL RANKING KEEPS LAKE OSWEGO LIBRARY AMONG BEST IN NATION

LAKE OSWEGO- Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) Index, the definitive ranking of libraries in America, has scored Lake Oswego Public Library best in the state and fifth in the nation among libraries of like size.

Nationally, the library had the fifth highest HAPLR score out of the 920 libraries in the 25,000 to 49,999 population category. Only two libraries in Ohio and two in New York received higher scores. In 2003, Lake Oswego Public Library ranked third out of the 911 libraries in this same category with a score of 884.

This year, the library received a HAPLR score of 881, the highest score given to any public library in Oregon. By comparison, the Multnomah County Library received a score of 861 and Corvallis-Benton County Library received a score of 850.

Statistics collected from over 9,000 public libraries are used to create the HAPLR Index. Survey data are weighted to provide a score for each library. The 15 criteria that determine a library's score include: circulation per capita, circulations per library visit, cost per circulation, circulation per FTE staff hour, reference questions per capita, library visits per capita, collection turnover, volumes per capita, periodicals per 1,000 residents, and library visits per capita.

For more information about the HAPLR Index or a list of scores in each population category, go to <http://www.haplr-index.com/HAPLR2005AmericanLibraries.htm>.