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MCPL earns national five-star rating for 10th straight year

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The Middle Country Public Library has been selected as one of America's Star Libraries for 2017. This designation puts the library in an elite group of 13 libraries nationwide to receive a five-star rating 10 consecutive years from the Library Journal.

This year marks the 10th edition of the Star Library ratings and the LJ index of public library service, sponsored by Baker & Taylor's Bibliostat. The LJ index compares U.S. public libraries based on per capita measures of service output. Measures used for rankings include circulation, library visits, program attendance, public Internet computer use and circulation of electronic materials, which all contribute to a library's LJ index score.

"We are honored to receive the prestigious designation as one of 13 libraries nationwide to have earned five stars in all 10 editions of Library Journal's Star Libraries," said Middle Country Public Library Director Sophia Serlis-McPhillips. "Our mission is to enhance our community's quality of life, striving for excellent customer service, consistent community engagement and collaborative work with local and national organizations to enrich our community."

The Middle Country Public Library



facilities are equipped with state-of-art technology and relevant collections while programming focuses on advancing community initiatives. By identifying emerging trends and areas of interest, the library has spearheaded new services, developed successful programs and provided training and educational opportunities for patrons to expand their skills. Some of these innovations include the Miller Business Center, the Nature Explorium, Museum Corner, Teen Resource Center and Family Place Li-



Photos from Middle Country Public Library

Middle Country Public Library's Centereach location, above, and Selden location, on left, earned America's Star Libraries five-star rating for the 10th consecutive year.

brary programs.

"Our library is very engaged with its users and stays connected through a variety of outreach efforts and by continually assessing the programs and services we provide," Serlis-McPhillips said. "By listening

and responding to the needs and wants of our patrons, the Middle Country Public Library has gained a level of trust enabling us to become an anchor institution, serving as a meeting place, a village center and the heart of the community."