**St. Louis Public Library Recognized Among Missouri’s STAR Libraries**

*Library one of five selected in the state of Missouri*

**March 4, 2009 - PRLog** -- ST. LOUIS – The Library Journal has named the St. Louis Public Library one of five Star Libraries in Missouri in its 2009 Index of Public Library Service.

The St. Louis Public Library was recognized among the other honored libraries in the Feb. 15 issue of the Journal. The survey measured more than 7,100 libraries across the U.S., based on four public service indicators – circulation per capita, visits per capita, program attendance per capita and public Internet uses per capita. Only 256 of the libraries rated received a Star designation. For more on the Library Journal survey, visit http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6636953.html.

“The Star rating encompasses all of the characteristics that we strive to attain as a major urban public Library,” said Waller McGuire, executive director, St. Louis Public Library. “It is great to be ranked among our nation’s top libraries. Our dedicated staff goes above and beyond daily to keep our system functioning at an exceptional level.”

The Library Journal gave the St. Louis Public Library three stars. The St. Louis Public Library also is the only library in its category to be ranked among the nation’s top five large urban public libraries for five years, according to a study performed by Central Connecticut State University (http://www.ccsu.edu/AMLC08/). This ranking contributed to St. Louis’ 2008 ninth-place ranking among America’s Most Literate Cities with populations 250,000 or larger.

The nationally ranked St. Louis Public Library has 17 locations across the city and sees more than 2.3 million visitors each year. For more information about the St. Louis Public Library, visit www.slpl.org or call 314-241-2288.

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Editor’s Note: The St. Louis Public Library is headquartered at 1301 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

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