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## **West Bloomfield Named A Top 100 American Public Library**

*West Bloomfield, MI* — The West Bloomfield Township Public Library has again been named a top 100 American Public Library. West Bloomfield was first named to the top 100 list in 2005, becoming the first Michigan public library to be recognized with this distinction.

The Hennen's American Public Library Ratings analyze data from more than 7,900 U.S. public libraries. Library use is compared, including measures like number of visits, volume of materials circulated, and collection turnover or the average number of times materials are checked out. Other rating factors include how funding is spent in order to provide library service. Staffing levels, hours open and the percentage of the budget spent on materials are considered.

According to library director Clara N. Bohrer, the ratings are just one way to measure excellence in library service. "This helps us judge how we're performing against national standards," said Bohrer. "We also continually evaluate whether we're meeting the expectations of our community. We look to West Bloomfield residents to tell us how we rate with them and what we can improve."

"This is an honor for the library but also for West Bloomfield," said Arlene Bordman, Library Board President. "It validates that the library is providing the materials and services our community wants, and it's a statement about how much our community values reading and learning."