COLD SPRING (May 29, 2015) -- The Campbell County Public Library (CCPL) was one of only four libraries in Kentucky to earn the highest ranking of exemplary, based on Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) standards.

CCPL reached exemplary status for the first time, along with Scott County. Kenton and McCracken County Public Libraries maintained their exemplary status. Fifty-two libraries participated in KPLA’s 2014-15 Standards evaluation cycle.

Libraries must meet specific criteria in categories such as administration, collections, services, facilities and technology in order to achieve rankings of essential, enhanced, or exemplary.

The KPLA Standards, created in 2002, are updated every three years to ensure libraries improve and evolve to meet the community’s needs. CCPL earned the basic rating in 2005 and has risen steadily in the rankings since then.

“We are extremely proud to be one of two Northern Kentucky libraries that currently meet the exemplary standard,” Morgan said. “Our entire region is fortunate to have strong library systems that serve our population well,” said JC Morgan, CCPL director.

CCPL’s achievements also are reflected in the recent annual statistics summary of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, a government agency that ranks Kentucky’s 119 library systems (serving 120 counties) in several categories.

Compared to libraries state-wide, for 2013-14, CCPL ranks:

- First in total materials LOANED through interlibrary loan (5,373 items)
- Second in total materials BORROWED through interlibrary loan (4,754 items)
- Fifth in total material circulated (1,042,251 items)
- Fifth in total audio-visual circulation (461,054 items)
- Fifth in total number of public computer uses (114,398)
- Sixth in total library visitors (656,211)
- Sixth in total reference transactions (143,728)
- Eighth in total size of book collection (183,394 books)

“Meeting the high marks of these rankings reflects not only the hard work of our staff, but how much the community values the library’s services,” Morgan said.
In the 2013-2014 fiscal year, there were 656,211 visits to the Library and more than 1 million items were checked out. Nearly 40,000 e-materials were downloaded; there were more than 600,000 website page views; and 20,000 calls were made to our free children’s story telling phone line.

The Library makes every reasonable effort to accommodate patrons with disabilities. Please allow 72 hours before the event when requesting such accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.

The Campbell County Public Library operates three branches. The Cold Spring Branch is located at 3920 Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring, phone 859-781-6166. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is located at 1000 Highland Ave. in Fort Thomas, phone 859-572-5033. The Newport Branch is located at 901 E. Sixth St. in Newport, phone 859-572-5035.

Hours for all three branches are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Web site address is www.cc-pl.org.

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