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November *American Libraries* names Santa Clara County Library Number One Public Library in America.

For the fifth time, the Santa Clara County Library has been named the best public library in the nation serving a population between 250,000 and 499,999.

*American Libraries* has just published a seventh round of public library rankings, "Hennen's American Public Library Ratings 2006" by Thomas J. Hennen Jr., based on the latest data from the Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS). HAPLR 2006 is featured in the November 2006 issue of *American Libraries* magazine, a publication of the American Library Association. Previous ratings were published in *American Libraries* 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Hennen's American Public Library Ratings, HAPLR™, attempts to identify the public libraries in America with the highest input and output measures. Such measures as cost per circulation, visits per capita, books per capita, funding per capita and hours open are tabulated to produce the HAPLR Index ratings. Hennen's first round of rankings appeared in the *American Libraries*, January 1999 issue.

*American Libraries* Editor Leonard Kniffel said, "The Hennen rankings reward and validate the hard work that librarians do to make their libraries central to the quality of life in their communities. I'm pleased to be able to present them in *American Libraries*."

County Librarian Melinda Cervantes said, "We are delighted to be named number one for a fifth time. We are deeply grateful to all our library patrons who are the reason we have such excellent service. They have provided the support, encouragement and funding which now has been recognized on a national level."

Hennen may be reached at (262) 896-8081. His website is located at [www.haplr-index.com/haplr2006](http://www.haplr-index.com/haplr2006). *American Libraries* is the magazine of the American Library Association and circulates to some 64,000 members and organizations worldwide.

The Santa Clara County Library serves more than 412,000 residents of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and the unincorporated areas of the County.