



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Dear Superintendent:

As Secretary of State and State Librarian, I invite and encourage your school district to apply for the FY2010 School District Library Grant Program. This grant offering is an opportunity to enhance your school library program and to continue to improve educational opportunities for students in your school district.

Last fiscal year this extremely successful grant program awarded nearly \$1.4 million, benefiting more than 1.9 million Illinois students in 719 school districts. More than 3,400 school libraries benefited from the program.

All of the grant application requirements/deadlines and grant components are accessible at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/schoolpercapgrant.html. (If you are manually typing the URL, what_we_do must be entered with underlines, not spaces.)

The deadline for completing the two grant application components for your school district is November 20, 2009.

Libraries remain our best resource for accessing and sharing information and developing lifelong learners. I strongly encourage you to continue to improve and enhance the resources and services of your school library media program. Please take advantage of this opportunity to apply for the School District Library Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White". The signature is written in a cursive style.

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State and State Librarian

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