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### **White Awards More Than \$4 Million in Library Construction Grants**

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced today that 33 Illinois libraries will share more than \$4 million in construction grants to maintain and modify or add new library facilities. The grants are available through the Live & Learn program that annually provides state funds to public library building projects for new construction, expansion and renovation of library facilities.

"With the assistance of these grants, libraries throughout the state will take a giant stride in providing the additional space, services, technology and accessibility necessary to meet the needs of all our library users," said White.

Libraries in Algonquin, Biggsville, Chicago, Galatia and Sherman will receive \$250,000 grants for construction of new buildings. In Mason City, a \$200,000 grant to build a new library will be matched by a local donor. In addition, major grants will be used for remodeling projects and accessibility at libraries in Beecher, Dwight, Fairfield, Fox River Grove, Princeville, Rock Island and Winnebago.

Live & Learn grants up to \$250,000 require matching funds from the community.

Grants up to \$50,000, awarded to libraries in disadvantaged areas, require no matching funds. These mini-grants, from \$5,000 to \$50,000, can be used for new furnishings, interior and exterior painting, computer wiring or modifying existing structures for access for persons with disabilities.

This year, applications for construction grants totaled more than \$9 million from libraries throughout the state. The applications were reviewed in a competitive award process. The 33 libraries awarded grants will receive 45 percent of the funds at contract signings and another 45 percent when construction is begun and required documentation is submitted to the State Library. Final funding is granted upon completion of the project and submission of an audit.

### **FY2000 Library Construction**

City	Library	Amount
Algonquin	Algonquin Area Public Library District	\$250,000.00
Amboy	Pankhurst Memorial Library	\$50,000.00
Beecher	Beecher Public Library District	\$250,000.00
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$49,455.00
Biggsville	Henderson County Public Library District	\$250,000.00
Calumet City	Calumet City Public Library	\$84,548.00

Chicago	Chicago Public Library Austin-Irving Branch	\$200,000.00
Chicago Ridge	Chicago Ridge Public Library	\$125,000.00
Dwight	Prairie Creek Public Library District	\$250,000.00
Evansville	Evansville Public Library	\$49,980.00
Fairfield	Fairfield Public Library	\$250,000.00
Flora	Flora Public Library	\$48,143.00
Forreston	Forreston Public Library	\$193,998.00
Fox River Grove	Fox River Grove Public Library District	\$250,000.00
Galatia	Galatia Public Library District	\$150,000.00
Harvey	Harvey Public Library District	\$125,000.00
Herrick	Herrick Township Public Library	\$5,000.00
Kankakee	Limestone Township Library	\$250,000.00
Lombard	Helen M Plum Memorial Library	\$150,000.00
Mason City	Mason City Public Library District	\$200,000.00
Mound City	Mound City Public Library	\$48,038.00
Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$150,000.00
Oneida	Oneida Greig Memorial Library	\$6,282.00
Princeville	Lillie M. Evans Library District	\$250,000.00
Riverdale	Riverdale Public Library District	\$14,910.00
Rock Island	Rock Island Public Library	\$250,000.00
Rockford	Northern Illinois Library System	\$250,000.00
Royalton	Royalton Public Library District	\$50,000.00
Sheldon	Sheldon Public Library District	\$66,000.00
Sherman	Sherman Public Library District	\$250,000.00
West Salem	West Salem Public Library	\$50,000.00
Windsor	Windsor Storm Memorial Public Library District	\$50,000.00
Winnebago	Winnebago Public Library District	\$250,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$4,866,354.00</b>