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### **Secretary White Announces Grants to Draw Teens to Libraries**

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White today announced that 25 Illinois libraries will receive more than \$375,000 in grants to develop pilot innovative projects to attract teens and pre-teens to libraries.

Public libraries, schools and library systems will use grants of up to \$25,000 to create activities that encourage writing and reading in after school programs, homework assistance, the use of reading/writing chat rooms, evening events and shared technology training between young and senior library users. Mentoring and outreach are required components of each grant.

A wide variety of projects are planned throughout the state. "What Kids Want Their Parents to Know About the World Wide Web" is the subject of a video in production by young adults at the Bensenville Community Library. Based on suggestions by students, the Clay City School District is offering non-threatening peer tutoring, the addition of music to the library, raffles and field trips to book stores as part of its seven step plan to encourage library usage. At libraries in Gurnee and Mt. Vernon, coffee house settings, reminiscent of the 50's and 60's, will give teens the opportunity to read and hear poetry and participate in open mike activities.

The federally funded grants, administered by the Illinois State Library, are available through a set aside program that is part of the one year Library Services and Technology Act program.

**FY2000 LSTA Teen Grants**

<b>City</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Bensenville	Bensenville Community Public Library District	\$24,000.00
Burbank	Prairie Trails Public Library District	\$1,135.00
Cahokia	Public Library District	\$25,000.00
Carthage	Carthage Public Library District	\$4,000.00
Chicago Ridge	Chicago Ridge Public Library	\$25,000.00
Clay City	Clay City CUSD #10	\$15,970.00
Dixon	Dixon Public Library	\$8,500.00
Dongola	Dongola Public Library District	\$11,930.00
Fulton	River Bend Community Unit District #2	\$25,000.00
Geneva	DuPage Library System	\$25,000.00
Gurnee	Warren-Newport Public Library District	\$6,560.00
LaGrange Park	LaGrange Park Public Library District	\$4,612.00
Lanark	Lanark Public Library	\$3,800.00
Mascoutah	Mascoutah Public Library	\$10,900.00
Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon Township HSD #201	\$25,000.00
Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$16,552.00
Orland Park	Orland Park Public Library	\$17,800.00
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$19,311.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$17,060.00
Quincy	Quincy Public Library	\$7,185.00
Roselle	Roselle Public Library	\$5,233.00
Tremont	Tremont District Library	\$5,100.00
Urbana	Urbana Free Library	\$24,970.00
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library	\$25,000.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Community Unit School District 60	\$25,000.00
	<b>Total=</b>	<b>\$379,618.00</b>