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White Awards \$1.5 Million in Library Mini - Grants

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White today announced that 462 Illinois libraries will share more than \$1.5 million in FY 2000 Library Service and Technology Act grants. The federal funds provide \$500,000 each for the "Book Start," "Bring in an Expert" and "2000 Marketing" mini-grant programs.

"With these grants, financially challenged libraries and schools will be able to provide a level of service and develop programs that would otherwise be unaffordable in their communities," said White.

"Book Start" mini-grants, of up to \$5,000 each, will provide print materials to 97 financially troubled Illinois libraries and schools. The grants match each dollar raised locally with two dollars in federal funds that can be used to purchase recreational reading, fiction, non-fiction and some reference materials to further develop library collections.

Now in its second year, the "Bring in an Expert" mini-grants will allow 251 Illinois libraries up to \$4,500 each to contract with Illinois experts to work with their staff or community on activities for which no local funding is available. Attorneys, architects and public relations experts are among the professionals lending expertise to local libraries.

The "2000 Marketing" mini-grants highlight the library as a vital resource, promote library activities and develop and enhance professional contacts between community media and the library. Awards of up to \$1,000 each to 113 libraries will be used to develop publicity campaigns and purchase

promotional ads, radio spots and billboards tailored to the needs of each library community. The campaigns will be directed to members of the community who are not currently active library users.

The Illinois State Library administers the Library Service and Technology Act with federal funds distributed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

(A list the grants awarded in each of the three programs is attached.)

FY2000 LSTA ["Book Start"](#) Grants – PDF

FY2000 LSTA ["Bring in an Expert"](#) Grants – PDF

FY2000 LSTA ["2000 Marketing"](#) Grants – PDF