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White Awards \$1 Million in Grants to Libraries

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White recently announced that his office is awarding \$1 million in grants to 500 libraries as part of the "Equipment to Books" grant program. The program offers libraries the opportunity to enhance access to information and to promote resource sharing with the purchase of one piece of needed equipment or reference materials.

"These short-term \$2000 grants support the cost of higher priced equipment or materials that would otherwise be unavailable to many libraries," said White. "By sharing this cost, Illinois libraries can improve the services offered to their patrons."

The grants, available to all types of libraries, were awarded on a first apply/first funded basis. Any equipment purchased with the grant money must be directly related to access to information or resource sharing. All formats are acceptable for reference materials and may include sets, serials and one-year subscriptions that benefit access to information by patrons.

The "Equipment to Books" grants are administered by the Illinois State Library and are funded by the Library Services and Technology Act with federal funds distributed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.