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**White Announces Literacy Grant Funding in Honor of
Senator Penny Severns**

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that 73 agencies throughout the state will share \$285,349 in grant funds through the Senator Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy program.

"Senator Severns was a strong advocate for children and education, and these grants will honor her memory by providing literacy services to Illinois families during the summer when traditional school is not in session," said White.

The summer family literacy grants have been awarded to agencies across the state to provide parent-child activities. More than 8,000 parents and children will participate in reading based activities through the program.

"Children and adults often lose forward educational momentum during the summer months," said White, who was a teacher and administrator in the Chicago public school system for 33 years. "These projects will keep them engaged in learning throughout the year."

"I also believe strongly that if we're going to increase our children's chances of success in school, we need to ensure that parents have the basic skills necessary to help them succeed," added White. "Family literacy is about improving skills of both children and their parents."

A list of the summer literacy grants is attached. In addition to these grants, White dedicates an additional \$8.15 million to help communities provide a variety of literacy services to their

residents.

FY2000 PENNY SEVERNS GRANTS

Region	City	Institution	Amount
1	Chicago	Asian Human Services, Inc.	\$4,400
1	Chicago	Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Centro Romero	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Chinese American Service League	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Indo American Center	\$4,450
1	Chicago	Literacy Chicago	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Vietnamese Association of Illinois	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Westside Employment Education, Inc.	\$4,500
1	Chicago	Youth Service Project, Inc.	\$4,500
2	Arlington Heights	Township High School District #214 Community Education	\$4,500
2	Aurora	Aurora Public Library	\$4,445
2	Chicago Heights	Prairie State College	\$4,300
2	Des Plaines	Community Consolidated School District #62	\$4,492
2	Joliet	Joliet Public Library	\$4,500
2	Lake Zurich	Ela Area Public Library District	\$2,305
2	Lockport	Fairmont District #89	\$4,500
2	Oak Lawn	Oak Lawn Public Library	\$2,217
2	Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$4,275
2	Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$4,500
2	Robbins	Chicago Youth Centers	\$4,500
2	Villa Park	Villa Park Public Library	\$4,442
2	Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	\$3,139
2	Wheaton	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	\$4,500
2	Wheeling	Indian Trails Public Library District	\$3,812

3	East Dubuque	East Dubuque District Library	\$845
3	Freeport	Freeport Public Library	\$2,800
3	Moline	Moline Public Library	\$3,655
3	Polo	Polo Public Library District	\$4,500
3	Rockford	Rockford Public Library	\$2,453
3	Scales Mound	Scales Mound School District #211	\$3,883
4	Galesburg	Carl Sandburg College	\$3,903
4	Hopkins Park	Pembroke Township Public Library	\$4,500
4	Mackinaw	Mackinaw District Public Library	\$4,500
4	Macon	South Macon Public Library District	\$1,925
4	Manito	Manito Public Library District	\$4,050
4	Maroa	Maroa Public Library	\$4,457
4	Normal	Regional Office of Education- DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$4,500
4	Oakwood	Oakwood Public Library District	\$3,369
4	Pekin	Pekin District #108	\$4,500
4	Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$4,455
4	Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$4,500
4	Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$4,500
4	Peoria Heights	Peoria County Bright Futures	\$4,500
4	Roodhouse	Roodhouse Public Library	\$1,692
4	Rushville	Rushville Public Library	\$1,999
4	Springfield	Lawrence Education Center	\$4,500
4	Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$4,500
4	Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$4,500
4	Tremont	Tremont District Library	\$1,909
4	Waverly	Waverly CUSD #6	\$2,601
5	Anna	Stinson Memorial Public Library	\$4,491
5	Belleville	Regional Office of Education -St. Clair	\$4,500

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5	Belleville	Southwestern Illinois College	\$3,500
5	Bethalto	Bethalto Public Library District	\$4,490
5	Cahokia	Cahokia Public Library District	\$4,500
5	Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$4,500
5	Caseyville	Hollywood Heights School	\$4,500
5	Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$4,500
5	Chester	Chester Public Library	\$3,435
5	East Alton	East Alton Public Library District	\$3,676
5	East St.Louis	East St. Louis Public Library	\$2,850
5	Freeburg	Freeburg Area Library District	\$3,513
5	Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$4,466
5	Herrin	Herrin City Library	\$4,500
5	Marissa	Marissa Area District Public Library	\$4,500
5	Murphysboro		\$4,481
5	Olney	East Richland School District Unit No. 1	\$4,466
5	Robinson	Robinson Public Library District	\$3,316
5	Salem	Bryan-Bennett Library	\$4,380
5	Sesser	Sesser Public Library	\$3,875
5	Trenton	Trenton Public Library	\$1,977
5	Waterloo	Morrison-Talbott Library	\$2,160