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#### **White Awards \$4.3 Million in Library Construction Grants**

**SPRINGFIELD** — SPRINGFIELD-Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded \$4.3 million in library construction grants to allow 26 public libraries to modernize and update their facilities.

White said the funds are awarded through the Secretary of State's Live and Learn program.

"Our libraries are essential components of our overall community infrastructure," White said. "Many of our Illinois libraries are now in their second century of operation. The Live and Learn Construction Grant Program is designed specifically to help libraries throughout Illinois modernize and bring their buildings up to date. Grants may be used to build new facilities, make additions, remodel current buildings, or convert buildings not currently being used as a library into a library building.

"Since its inception in 1993, the Live and Learn Construction Grant Program has helped hundreds of Illinois libraries make critical improvements that local library districts could not have paid for on their own. Many libraries over the years have used these funds to come into compliance with state and federal requirements to provide library access to the disabled. Other grants specifically serve Illinois' smallest and least economically viable libraries. As a result, our libraries are better able to assist all of their patrons, and provide the outstanding service patrons demand.

"As State Librarian I am pleased to be able to provide such financial assistance to our libraries. I am proud to work with all of our libraries to help the citizens of Illinois obtain the

information they seek to remain educated, entertained and enlightened."

## LIVE AND LEARN CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

### **Arcola**

Arcola Public Library  
\$250,000  
Remodeling & expansion of  
current 1905 Carnegie structure

### **Brimfield**

Brimfield Public Library District  
\$250,000  
Building addition & renovation  
of current 1976 structure

### **Catlin**

Catlin Public Library District  
\$250,000  
Remodel former medical clinic &  
convert to new library

### **Coal Valley**

Robert B. Jones Public Library District  
\$250,000  
Construction of new library

### **Greenville**

Greenville Public Library  
\$50,000  
Remodeling

### **Hodgkins**

Hodgkins Public Library District  
\$186,545  
Remodeling

### **LaSalle**

LaSalle Public Library  
\$250,000  
Expansion, ADA compliance

### **Mt. Olive**

Mt. Olive Public Library  
\$250,000  
New building

### **Oak Lawn**

Oak Lawn Public Library  
\$29,500  
Accessibility

### **Prophetstown**

Adams Memorial Library  
\$100,506  
Accessibility

### **St. Charles**

St. Charles Public Library  
\$63,028  
Remodeling & conversion to  
create tech center

### **Vandalia**

Evans Public Library

### **Athens**

Athens Municipal Library  
\$250,000  
Construction of new building

### **Carbondale**

Carbondale Public Library  
\$153,437  
Replace heating, ventilation,  
air conditioning system

### **Creve Coeur**

Creve Coeur Public Library District  
\$50,000  
Roof replacement & increase  
shelving space

### **Dongola**

Dongola Public Library District  
\$50,000  
Remodeling

### **Highland**

Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library  
\$30,967  
Install new elevator

### **Kewanee**

Kewanee Public Library District  
\$50,000  
Remodeling 94 year old building

### **Marissa**

Marissa Area Public Library District  
\$89,825  
Expansion of current building

### **North Aurora**

**Messinger Public Library**  
**\$250,000**  
**Construction of new building**

### **Pawnee**

Pawnee Public Library  
\$225,000  
Construction of new building

### **Rantoul**

Rantoul Public Library  
\$250,000  
Remodel building & convert  
into new library

### **Urbana**

Urbana Free Library  
\$250,000  
Addition & remodeling

### **Washington**

Washington District Library

\$42,075  
ADA compliance

**Watseka**  
Watseka Public Library  
\$250,000  
Building addition

\$250,000  
Build new library

**Westville**  
Westville Public Library District  
\$250,000  
Build new library