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### **White Awards Penny Severns Summer Reading Literacy Grants**

**Springfield** — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded 55 grants that will allow almost 2,000 Illinois families to participate in this summer's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

The program, one of six literacy grant programs administered by the Secretary of State, is named in honor of the late State Senator Penny Severns (D-Decatur). It provides literacy services to parents and children during the summer when many traditional educational programs close. Students receive instruction that enhances basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Individual grants are awarded to educational agencies, including libraries, community colleges, community-based organizations, school districts and volunteer organizations.

"The Penny Severns Summer Reading Program provides positive, interactive reading and learning activities in which families participate together during times when many reading programs are not in operation," White said. "It is important that adult learners and children seeking to improve their literacy skills have access to educational programs year round, and this program meets that need while strengthening the bond between parents and children.

"Our success in addressing literacy needs in Illinois is dependent upon the outstanding work performed by local providers. Illinois' network of community-based literacy programs, offered by libraries, community colleges, school districts and others, is making a difference in the lives of citizens who want to achieve their utmost potential by improving their reading, writing, math or language skills. I am extremely grateful to the men and women, especially our

volunteer tutors, who make time to work with literacy students.

"Penny Severns was a dear friend of mine. She truly believed that public service was a noble profession, and that government could make a positive impact on the lives of citizens. Her selflessness, sense of purpose and compassion is reflected in the literacy program bearing her name."

#### FY03 Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program Recipients:

Albany Park Community Center  
3403 West Lawrence  
Suite 300  
Chicago, Illinois 60625-5198  
Mr. Jeffrey Bright  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Allison United Foundation  
For Better Living  
4540 West Washington  
Chicago, Illinois 60624-2242  
Ms. Kathy Allison  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Anna Bixby Women's Center  
213 South Shaw Street  
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946-1864  
Ms. Barbara Wingo  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Asian Human Services, Inc.  
4753 North Broadway  
Suite 700  
Chicago, Illinois 60640-4995  
Mr. Barth Landor  
Award Amount: \$4,757.00

Aurora Public Library  
One East Benton Street  
Aurora, Illinois 60505-4299  
Ms. Diane Christian  
Award Amount: \$4,797.00

Beardstown Houston Memorial Library  
13 Boulevard Road  
Beardstown, Illinois 62618-8119  
Ms. Alice Gramann  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center  
5655 South University Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60637-1523  
Ms. Jane Hough  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Breese Public Library  
530 North Third Street  
Breese, Illinois 62230-1513  
Ms. Bess Wesling  
Award Amount: \$4,163.00

Bryan-Bennett Library  
217 West Main Street  
Salem, Illinois 62881-1599  
Ms. Theresa Schaefer  
Award Amount: \$4,786.00

Carl Sandburg College Branch Campus  
305 Sandburg Drive  
Carthage, Illinois 62321-1183  
Ms. Connie Dighton  
Award Amount: \$3,729.00

Centro Romero  
6216 North Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60660-1208  
Ms. Tricia Hackett  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Chester Public Library  
733 State Street  
Chester, Illinois 62233-1637  
Ms. Lisa Wittenborn  
Award Amount: \$3,685.00

Chicago Youth Centers  
13409 South Woodlawn  
Robbins, Illinois 60472-1228  
Ms. Donna Shavers  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Chinese American Service League  
310 West 24th Place  
Chicago, Illinois 60616-2230  
Ms. Brenda Arksey  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Chinese Mutual Aid Association  
1016 West Argyle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60640-3610  
Ms. Denise Lam  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Christopher Public Library  
202 East Market Street  
PO Box 131  
Christopher, Illinois 62822-0131  
Ms. Amy Raby  
Award Amount: \$4,335.00

Collinsville Memorial Public Library  
408 West Main  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234-3018  
Ms. Maureen Schreiber  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Community Consolidated School  
District #62  
777 Algonquin Road  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016-6296  
Ms. Tamee Hussar  
Award Amount: \$4,790.00

De La Salle Institute  
3455 South Wabash  
Chicago, Illinois 60616-3885  
Ms. Carmina Renner  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library  
308 East Central  
Benld, Illinois 62009-1202  
Ms. Mary Newman  
Award Amount: \$3,000.00

Frontier Community College  
2 Frontier Drive  
Fairfield, Illinois 62837-2601  
Ms. Janet Kent  
Award Amount: \$3,764.00

Great River Community Center  
151 East 15th Street  
Dallas City, Illinois 62330  
Ms. Rita Luder  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Herrin City Library  
120 North 13th Street  
Herrin, Illinois 62948-3233  
Ms. Irene Just  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Hull House Uptown Head Start  
1020 West Bryn Mawr  
Chicago, Illinois 60660-4627  
Ms. Barbara Becker  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Illinois Migrant Council  
28 East Jackson Boulevard  
Suite 1600  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-2297  
Ms. Brenda Pessin  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Indo American Center  
6328 North California Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60659-1702  
Mr. R.S. Rajan  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Instituto del Progreso Latino  
2570 South Blue Island Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60608-4817  
Mr. Juan Salgado  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

John A. Logan College  
700 Logan College Road  
Carterville, Illinois 62918-2500  
Ms. Kathy Lively  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Joliet Public Library  
150 North Ottawa Street  
Joliet, Illinois 60432-1132  
Ms. Patricia Johnson  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Kishwaukee College  
21193 Malta Road  
Malta, Illinois 60150-9699  
Ms. Evelina Cichy  
Award Amount: \$900.00

Lawrence Education Center  
101 East Laurel  
Springfield, Illinois 62704-3995  
Ms. Bonnie Roberts  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Lewis & Clark Community College  
5800 Godfrey Road  
Godfrey, Illinois 62035-2466  
Ms. Val Harris  
Award Amount: \$4,655.00

Literacy Chicago  
70 East Lake Street  
Suite 1500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-5917  
Ms. Helen Richardson  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Midwest Asian American Center  
2540 West Devon Avenue  
2nd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60659-1810  
Ms. Vandana Dalal  
Award Amount: \$4,768.00

Murphysboro CUSD #186  
819 West Walnut Street  
Murphysboro, Illinois 62966-2196  
Ms. Sharon Feltman  
Award Amount: \$4,792.00

Peoria Public Library -  
Lakeview Branch  
1137 West Lake  
Peoria, Illinois 61614-5935  
Ms. Roberta Koscielski  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Regional Office of Education -  
DeWitt/Livingston/McLean  
905 North Main Street  
Suite 2  
Normal, Illinois 61761-1599  
Ms. Joyce Fritsch  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Regional Office of Education -  
Hamilton/Jefferson Counties  
1714 Broadway Street  
Mount Vernon, Illinois 62864-2930  
Dr. P.E. Cross  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Regional Office of Education -  
St. Clair County  
500 Wilshire Drive  
Belleville, Illinois 62223-1154  
Ms. Myra Wilke  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Richland Community College  
1500 East Condit  
Room 201  
Decatur, Illinois 62521-8513  
Ms. Diana Rinchiuso  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Rick Warren Memorial  
Public Library District  
Fourth and Broad Street  
PO Box 128  
Elkville, Illinois 62932-0128  
Ms. Janet Eisenhauer  
Award Amount: \$3,286.00

Scales Mound School District 211  
210 Main Street  
PO Box 191  
Scales Mound, Illinois 61075-0191  
Ms. Norma Schwartz  
Award Amount: \$4,321.00

Sesser Public Library  
303 West Franklin Street  
PO Box 538

Southern Illinois University -  
Evaluation & Developmental Center  
500 C-Lewis Lane

Sesser, Illinois 62884-0538  
Ms. Lowanda Johnston  
Award Amount: \$4,712.00

Carbondale, Illinois 62901-6704  
Dr. Kendra Humphreys  
Award Amount: \$4,440.00

Spoon River College  
23235 North County Road 22  
Canton, Illinois 61520-9801  
Ms. Jody McCamey  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Sullivan House  
7305 South Clyde  
Chicago, Illinois 60649-3108  
Ms. Kendall Marlowe  
Award Amount: \$4,791.00

The Literacy Council  
982 North Main Street  
Rockford, Illinois 61103-7061  
Ms. Karen Scheffels  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Township High School District  
214 Community Education  
2121 South Goebbert Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-4297  
Ms. Rhonda Serafin  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Urbana Schools Adult Education  
211 North Race Street  
Urbana, Illinois 61801-2669  
Mr. John Muirhead  
Award Amount: \$4,500.00

Venice Community Unit School  
District #3  
700 Broadway  
Venice, Illinois 62090-1015  
Ms. Denise Rhodes  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Vietnamese Association of Illinois  
5252 North Broadway  
2nd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60640-2304  
Mr. Kiet Vo  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Warren County Even Start  
321 East Euclid Avenue  
Monmouth, Illinois 61462-1312  
Ms. Rachael Simmons  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00

Waukegan Public Library  
128 North County  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085-4368  
Ms. Carol Morris  
Award Amount: \$3,356.00

West Frankfort Public Library  
402 East Poplar Street  
West Frankfort, Illinois 62896-2480  
Ms. Sarah Alexander  
Award Amount: \$4,785.00

Work Café Training Center  
9453 South Asland Avenue  
Suite 14  
Chicago, Illinois 60620-5122  
Ms. Petri Spivey  
Award Amount: \$4,800.00