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### WHITE ANNOUNCES LITERACY GRANTS AS PART OF LITERACY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White used the occasion of Literacy Month to announce the release of \$6.2 million in fiscal year 2005 literacy grants.

“I’m pleased that we have made a strong commitment again this year to literacy programs in Illinois,” White said. “This year’s grants give our literacy providers some of the important financial resources they need to help students enhance their reading, writing, math and language skills. Our partnership with literacy providers and volunteer tutors gives students the tools that will help them achieve their personal and professional goals.”

Every year in Illinois, Secretary White designates September as Literacy Month to spotlight the need to increase literacy levels for Illinois adults and families. Organizations such as UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization), the International Reading Association and the National Institute for Literacy also schedule special literacy celebrations during September.

White said FY05 literacy grants are being awarded in three categories:

- **Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grants** provide training for volunteers who tutor adults over age 16 in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Individual grants are awarded to libraries, community colleges, school districts, community-based organizations, volunteer organizations and correctional facilities. Almost \$4.2 million is being awarded statewide this year.
- **Family Literacy Grants** provide instructional services to parents and children to enhance their basic reading, math, writing or language skills both together and separately. Participation by the entire family increases the benefits of the instruction. Individual grants are awarded to a partnership of educational agencies, including an adult literacy provider, a child-at-risk organization and a public library. Almost \$1.5 million is being awarded in fiscal year 2005.
- **Workplace Skills Enhancement Grants** provide on-site instructional services to employees of Illinois businesses to enable them to enhance their basic reading, math, writing or language skills, maintain their employment and increase their eligibility for promotion. Individual grants are awarded to businesses that match the award and operate in partnership with an educational provider agency. More than \$546,000 is being awarded this year.

White is also encouraging citizens interested in assisting Illinois literacy efforts to become a volunteer tutor. Persons may contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at **1-800-321-9511** for information about becoming a tutor. For more information about the Secretary of State’s literacy efforts, log on to

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who\\_we\\_are/literacy/home.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/literacy/home.html).

(Individual grant recipients, listing city, provider and amount of award, are attached.)

## FY05 Adult/Volunteer Literacy Program Grants

The Adult/Volunteer Literacy Grant Program provides training for volunteers who tutor adults over age 16 in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Individual grants are awarded to libraries, community colleges, school districts, community-based organizations, volunteer organizations and correctional facilities.

Arlington Heights	Township High School District 214	\$70,000.00
Aurora	Dominican Literacy Center	\$43,000.00
Aurora	Waubensee Community College	\$70,000.00
Belleville	Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County	\$60,000.00
Belleville	Southwestern Illinois College	\$70,000.00
Canton	Spoon River College	\$70,000.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$70,000.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$71,000.00
Champaign	Parkland College	\$65,000.00
Chicago	Albany Park Community Center	\$61,000.00
Chicago	Allison United Foundation For Better Living	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Alpha Temple	\$30,000.00
Chicago	Aquinas Literacy Center	\$31,000.00
Chicago	Association House of Chicago	\$42,000.00
Chicago	Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center	\$71,000.00
Chicago	Brainerd Community Development Corporation	\$15,000.00
Chicago	Centro Romero	\$58,000.00
Chicago	Chicago Commons	\$30,000.00
Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	\$31,000.00
Chicago	Christopher House	\$42,000.00
Chicago	De La Salle Institute	\$71,000.00
Chicago	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated	\$24,400.00
Chicago	Dominican Literacy Center, Chicago	\$33,000.00
Chicago	Erie Neighborhood House	\$66,500.00
Chicago	Gads Hill Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	GIVE Community Services	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Howard Area Community Center	\$37,000.00
Chicago	Indo American Center	\$32,000.00
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	\$30,000.00
Chicago	Jane Addams Hull House Association	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Jane Addams Resource Corporation	\$32,000.00
Chicago	Jewish Vocational Service	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Lakefront Supportive Housing	\$28,000.00
Chicago	Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center	\$39,000.00
Chicago	Literacy Chicago	\$72,000.00
Chicago	Midwest Asian American Center	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Poder Learning Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Polish American Association	\$40,000.00
Chicago	Pui Tak Center	\$34,000.00

Chicago	Safer Foundation/Pace Institute	\$59,000.00
Chicago	South-East Asia Center	\$30,000.00
Chicago	The Learning Center/House of Connections	\$35,000.00
Chicago	TIA/Chicago Connections	\$39,000.00
Chicago	Universidad Popular	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Vietnamese Association of Illinois	\$31,000.00
Chicago Heights	Prairie State College	\$62,000.00
Cicero	Morton College	\$30,000.00
Crystal Lake	McHenry County College	\$48,000.00
Danville	Danville Area Community College	\$54,000.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	\$69,000.00
Dixon	Sauk Valley Community College	\$50,000.00
Dolton	South Area Literacy Council & Dolton Pub. Lib.	\$71,000.00
East Peoria	Illinois Central College	\$14,800.00
Effingham	CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$62,000.00
Elgin	Literacy Connection	\$70,000.00
Evanston	Evanston Township High School District 202	\$57,000.00
Fairfield	Frontier Community College	\$60,000.00
Freeport	Highland Community College	\$50,000.00
Galesburg	Carl Sandburg College	\$55,000.00
Glen Ellyn	College of DuPage	\$40,000.00
Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$61,000.00
Harrisburg	Southeastern Illinois College	\$62,000.00
Ina	Rend Lake College	\$65,000.00
Joliet	Joliet Junior College	\$45,000.00
Kankakee	Kankakee Community College	\$58,000.00
LaGrange Park	Sisters of St. Joseph	\$47,000.00
Malta	Kishwaukee College	\$45,000.00
Mattoon	Lake Land College	\$65,000.00
Moline	Black Hawk College	\$65,000.00
Mount Prospect	Korean American Senior Center	\$30,000.00
Naperville	Literacy Volunteers of DuPage	\$53,000.00
Normal	Heartland Community College	\$20,000.00
Normal	ROE - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$68,000.00
Oak Park	Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County	\$40,000.00
Oglesby	Illinois Valley Community College	\$52,000.00
Palos Hills	Moraine Valley Community College	\$55,000.00
Pekin	Tazewell County S.T.A.R.	\$30,000.00
Peoria	Common Place Family Learning Center	\$63,000.00
Peoria	Regional Office of Education - Peoria County	\$56,000.00
Quincy	John Wood Community College	\$69,000.00
River Grove	Triton College	\$40,000.00
Robinson	Robinson Public Library District	\$33,600.00
Rockford	The Literacy Council	\$70,410.00
Saint Charles	Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley	\$42,000.00
Skokie	Oakton Community College	\$71,000.00

South Holland	South Suburban College	\$55,000.00
Springfield	Corrections School District #428	\$33,000.00
Springfield	Lawrence Education Center	\$75,000.00
Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$70,000.00
Ullin	Regional Office of Education (Ullin)	\$48,600.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	\$71,000.00
Wheaton	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	\$71,000.00

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Aurora	Aurora Public Library	\$35,000.00
Belleville	Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County	\$35,000.00
Bensenville	Bensenville Community Public Library District	\$35,000.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$35,000.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$20,000.00
Centralia	Centralia Regional Library District	\$35,000.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$35,000.00
Champaign	Champaign Public Library	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services, Inc.	\$34,961.00
Chicago	Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	\$34,300.00
Chicago	Christopher House	\$35,000.00
Chicago	De La Salle Institute	\$35,000.00
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Chicago	Howard Area Community Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Jane Addams Hull House Association	\$35,000.00
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Chicago	Literacy Chicago	\$35,000.00
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Chicago	Northeastern Illinois Univ. Chicago Teachers Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Puerto Rican Cultural Center	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Pui Tak Center	\$34,245.00
Chicago	The Institute of Cultural Affairs	\$34,917.00
Danville	Danville Area Community College	\$35,000.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	\$35,000.00
Elgin	Literacy Connection	\$35,000.00
Freeport	Highland Community College	\$35,000.00
Galesburg	Carl Sandburg College	\$20,000.00
Galesburg	Carl Sandburg College	\$27,110.00
Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$35,000.00
Harrisburg	Southeastern Illinois College	\$35,000.00
Hillsboro	ROE - Christian/Montgomery Counties	\$35,000.00
Ina	Rend Lake College	\$35,000.00
Jacksonville	Jacksonville School District #117	\$35,000.00
Mendota	Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley	\$35,000.00
Moline	Black Hawk College	\$35,000.00
Normal	ROE - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$35,000.00

Peoria	Common Place Family Learning Center	\$27,481.00
Rockford	The Literacy Council	\$35,000.00
Schaumburg	Schaumburg Township District Library	\$35,000.00
Springfield	Lawrence Education Center	\$35,000.00
Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$35,000.00
Sterling	Regional Office of Education Whiteside County	\$35,000.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	\$35,000.00
Wheaton	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	\$27,092.00

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Arlington Heights	Township High School District 214	\$15,000.00
Broadview	Principal Manufacturing Corporation	\$15,000.00
Chicago	Jewish Vocational Service	\$14,995.00
Chicago	Magenta Corporation	\$15,000.00
Chicago	Renaissance Chicago Hotel	\$15,000.00
Chicago	Wright College	\$15,000.00
Deerfield	Walgreens Co.	\$15,000.00
Des Plaines	The Center	\$15,000.00
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Evanston	Mather Lifeways	\$15,000.00
Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$14,974.00
Itasca	Concentric, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Lake Zurich	Priority Food Processing, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Naperville	Northern Illinois University BIS	\$8,040.00
Naperville	Northern Illinois University BIS	\$9,320.00
Naperville	Northern Illinois University BIS	\$15,000.00
Naperville	Northern Illinois University BIS	\$15,000.00
Naperville	Northern Illinois University BIS	\$14,520.00
Palos Hills	Moraine Valley Community College	\$15,000.00
Rockford	The Literacy Council	\$4,589.00
Rosemont	Hotel Sofitel Chicago O'Hare	\$15,000.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$12,458.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$11,223.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$14,669.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$14,406.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$9,913.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	\$12,354.00
Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$15,000.00

St. Charles  
Urbana

Perfect Plastic Printing Corporation  
Urbana Schools Adult Education

\$15,000.00  
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