



# Jesse White

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## WHITE AWARDS PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded 56 grants totaling \$250,000 that will allow Illinois families to participate in this summer's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

"This is the eighth year my office has awarded Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grants, providing reading and learning activities for families during times when other reading programs may not be operating," said White. "Parents and their children who want to enhance their literacy skills need access to quality educational programs throughout the year, and this program fulfills that need while bringing parents and children closer together."

Last year more than 1,700 parents and nearly 2,900 children took part in programs operated by local providers.

White created the program in honor of the late State Senator Penny Severns (D-Decatur). The program provides classes to improve the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of parents and children. Services include instruction and interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together. Grants are awarded to educational agencies such as libraries, community colleges, community-based organizations, school districts, and volunteer literacy organizations.

"Illinois has an outstanding network of community-based literacy programs that are making a difference in the lives of citizens who want to achieve their utmost potential in life by improving their literacy skills," White said. "I am grateful, and Penny Severns would be as well, to the men and women who generously make time to work with literacy students."

(A list of grant recipients is attached.)

### FY06 Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Programs

|             |   |            |
|-------------|---|------------|
| Aurora      | Aurora Public Library                           | \$4,800.00 |
| Belleville  | Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County | \$4,800.00 |
| Benld       | Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library             | \$4,550.00 |
| Benton      | Benton Public Library District                  | \$4,800.00 |
| Berwyn      | Berwyn Public Library                           | \$4,800.00 |
| Bushnell    | Carl Sandburg College                           | \$2,100.00 |
| Canton      | Spoon River College                             | \$4,800.00 |
| Carbondale  | SIU - Evaluation & Developmental Center         | \$4,476.00 |
| Carterville | John A. Logan College                           | \$4,800.00 |
| Centralia   | Centralia Regional Library District             | \$4,500.00 |

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| Centralia    | Kaskaskia College                                 | \$4,360.00 |
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| Chester      | Chester Public Library                            | \$4,559.00 |
| Chicago      | Allison United Foundation For Better Living       | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Asian Human Services, Inc.                        | \$4,784.00 |
| Chicago      | Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center                | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Centro Romero                                     | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Chinese American Service League                   | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Chinese Mutual Aid Association                    | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Christopher House                                 | \$4,200.00 |
| Chicago      | De La Salle Institute                             | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Howard Area Community Center                      | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Hull House Uptown Head Start                      | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Illinois Migrant Council                          | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Institute for Positive Mental Health              | \$4,670.00 |
| Chicago      | Instituto del Progreso Latino                     | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Midwest Asian American Center                     | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago      | Pui Tak Center                                    | \$4,700.00 |
| Chicago      | Urhai Community Service Center                    | \$4,680.00 |
| Collinsville | Mississippi Valley Public Library District        | \$4,800.00 |
| Decatur      | Richland Community College Library                | \$4,800.00 |
| DuQuoin      | DuQuoin Public Library                            | \$4,800.00 |
| Godfrey      | Lewis & Clark Community College                   | \$4,798.00 |
| Harrisburg   | Harrisburg Public Library District                | \$4,613.00 |
| Jacksonville | Jacksonville School District #117                 | \$4,800.00 |
| Joliet       | Joliet Public Library                             | \$4,800.00 |
| Kewanee      | Kewanee Even Start                                | \$3,000.00 |
| Macomb       | McDonough County Even Start                       | \$3,745.00 |
| Madison      | Madison Community Unit School District #12        | \$4,800.00 |
| Malta        | Kishwaukee College                                | \$3,285.00 |
| Media        | Henderson County Even Start                       | \$4,800.00 |
| Moline       | Moline Even Start Family Literacy                 | \$3,425.00 |
| Monmouth     | Warren County Even Start                          | \$4,800.00 |
| Mount Vernon | Regional Office of Ed. - Hamilton/Jefferson Co.   | \$4,800.00 |
| Normal       | Regional Office of Ed. - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean | \$4,800.00 |
| Oswego       | Oswego Public Library District                    | \$4,589.00 |
| Peoria       | Peoria Public Library - Lakeview Branch           | \$4,800.00 |
| Pontiac      | New Hope Even Start                               | \$4,793.00 |
| Robinson     | Robinson Public Library District                  | \$3,806.00 |
| Rockford     | The Literacy Council                              | \$3,996.00 |
| Royalton     | Royalton Public Library District                  | \$500.00   |
| Scales Mound | Scales Mound School District 211                  | \$4,288.00 |
| Sesser       | Sesser Public Library                             | \$4,208.00 |
| Urbana       | Urbana Schools Adult Education                    | \$4,335.00 |
| Virден       | Virден Parent Place                               | \$4,800.00 |
| Wheaton      | World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage             | \$4,800.00 |