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JESSE WHITE AWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded grants totaling nearly \$600,000 to 17 public libraries with infrastructure improvement needs under the FY07 Live and Learn construction grant program offered by the Illinois State Library.

“These grants help public libraries pay for projects such as remodeling for handicapped accessibility, new carpeting, interior or exterior painting, and in some cases new construction or additions to existing buildings,” White said. “I am especially pleased that we were able to allocate an additional \$250,000 over last year to make more construction grants available to public libraries.

“Many of our public libraries simply don’t have sufficient financial resources to pay for essential capital improvements on their own. I am delighted that we can award these grants to help maintain our public libraries as cornerstones of their communities.”

White said the libraries receiving grants are:

- **Altamont** Public Library, \$22,312 to replace crumbling and chipped blocks on a wall and replace carpeting in the public area.
- Bryan-Bennett Library in **Salem**, \$20,790 for roof replacement.
- **Bunker Hill** Public Library, \$25,000 for a new circulation desk, central air conditioning, shelving in the children’s or adult section and a new window for the west room.
- **Caseyville** Public Library District, \$15,000 for more modern storage and shelving devices to increase available space.
- **Christopher** Public Library, \$24,777 to replace the roof; clean, tuck point and paint outside bricks; patch concrete trim on the front of the building; paint interior walls and ceiling; install a new furnace; and place a new book drop at the front door.
- **Colona** District Public Library, \$2,500 to install push button automation to the front door and interior vestibule door for handicapped accessibility.
- **Lansing** Public Library, \$12,500 to install push button automation, enabling the upper level adult circulation area and reference desks to be accessible to handicapped persons.
- **Marissa** Area Public Library District, \$25,000 to build an insulated brick wall on the entire north side of the building.

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- **Martinsville** Public Library District, \$19,908 for window replacement, new exterior security lights, a new security system, replacement and upgrading of damaged soffits, covering all exterior wood surfaces of the soffit and fascia with vinyl siding, new computer and reading chairs used by patrons, and new seating for the new young adult room.
- **Nashville** Public Library, \$125,000 to construct an addition to the current building that will add 2,250 square feet to the existing building and an additional 1,000 square foot basement for storage purposes.
- **New Baden** Public Library, \$25,000 to relocate and build a new circulation desk and open up a wall for more useable space.
- **Olney** Public Library, \$25,000 to replace approximately 95 per cent of the building's carpeting.
- **Paris** Carnegie Public Library, \$13,835 to replace 75 per cent of the building's carpeting.
- **Pinckneyville** Public Library, \$24,875 for a new circulation desk, new power door at the south entrance, new stand-alone book return, signage and parking, folding partition to create storage space for equipment and boxes, new children's seating to create a new children's area, and exterior painting.
- **Somonauk** Public Library District, \$125,000 for a new library building.
- **Stockton** Township Public Library, \$50,000 to install an elevator making the entire building handicapped accessible, renovating upstairs bathrooms and installing basement bathrooms.
- **Winchester** Public Library, \$24,360 to install a ramp for the front door to make the building accessible to the physically handicapped.

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