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JESSE WHITE AWARDS PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded nearly \$250,000 to 53 organizations taking part in this year's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

The program, created by Secretary White to honor the late State Senator from Decatur, provides instructional service to enhance the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of both parents and children during the summer, a time in which many other educational programs are closed. Services include interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together. Individual grants are awarded to educational agencies such as libraries, community colleges, community-based organizations, school districts and volunteer literacy organizations.

"This is the ninth year my office has awarded Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grants," said White. "I am proud that these grants provide important learning activities for families during times when other learning programs may not be operating."

Parents and their children who want to improve their reading and learning skills need to have access to quality educational programs all year long. This program fulfills that need while bringing parents and children closer together. In 2006, almost 1,500 parents and more than 2,500 children took part in Penny Severns summer programs administered by local providers.

White noted Illinois has an outstanding network of community-based learning programs that are making a real difference in the lives of citizens who want to achieve their utmost potential in life by improving their reading and other learning skills.

"Penny Severns would be thrilled that our learning programs in Illinois continue to flourish, and I am honored to keep her memory alive by awarding these grants each year," said White

(A list of grant recipients is enclosed.)

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FY07 Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Programs
Alphabetical by city

Aurora	Aurora Public Library	\$4,800.00
Belleville	Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County	\$4,800.00
Benld	Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library	\$4,800.00
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$4,800.00
Berwyn	Berwyn Public Library	\$4,800.00
Bushnell	Bushnell-Prairie City Elementary School	\$2,350.00
Canton	Spoon River College	\$4,800.00
Carbondale	SIU - Evaluation & Developmental Center	\$4,750.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$4,800.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$4,226.00
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Centreville	Centreville Public Library	\$4,800.00
Champaign	Regional Office of Ed. Champaign/Ford Counties	\$4,800.00
Chester	Chester Public Library	\$4,629.00
Chicago	Albany Park Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Allison United Foundation For Better Living	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services	\$4,800.00
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	De La Salle Institute	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Illinois Migrant Council	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Institute for Positive Mental Health	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Jane Addams Hull House Uptown Head Start	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Midwest Asian American Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Pui Tak Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	The Institute of Cultural Affairs	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Urhai Community Service Center	\$4,650.00
Collinsville	Mississippi Valley Public Library District	\$4,800.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	\$4,800.00
DuQuoin	DuQuoin Public Library	\$4,800.00
Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$4,800.00
Harrisburg	Harrisburg Public Library District	\$4,772.00
Herrin	Herrin City Library	\$4,800.00
Joliet	Joliet Public Library	\$4,800.00
Macomb	McDonough/Hancock County Even Start	\$4,749.00
Madison	Madison Community Unit School District #12	\$4,800.00
Malta	Kishwaukee College	\$4,800.00
Media	West Central Parents as Teachers	\$4,800.00
Monmouth	Warren County Even Start	\$4,800.00
Mt. Vernon	Regional Office of Ed. - Hamilton/Jefferson Counties	\$4,800.00
Normal	Regional Office of Ed. - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc.	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$4,800.00

Robinson	Robinson Public Library District	\$3,585.00
Springfield	Lawrence Education Center	\$4,800.00
Villa Park	Villa Park Public Library	\$4,753.00
West Frankfort	West Frankfort Public Library	\$4,580.00
Wheaton	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	\$4,800.00