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JESSE WHITE AWARDS PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD – Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded grants to organizations located throughout Illinois who will take part in this year's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

The program, now in its tenth year, was created by Secretary White to provide instructional service that seeks to enhance the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of both parents and children during the summer, a time when many other educational programs are closed. The initiative was created to honor the late State Senator from Decatur, who was a strong advocate of literacy programs while serving from 1987 until her death in 1998.

"I am very proud that these grants provide important learning activities for families during times when other learning programs may not be operating," said Secretary White. "Parents and their children who want to improve their learning skills need to have access to quality educational programs all year long. The Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program fulfills that need, while bringing parents and children closer together."

In 2007, almost 1,800 adults and more than 3,000 children took part in Penny Severns summer programs administered by local providers.

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.

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

"My dear friend Penny Severns would be very pleased that our learning programs in Illinois continue to prosper, and I am honored to keep her memory alive by awarding these grants each year," said White.

FY08 Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program Grant Recipients

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| Arlington Heights | Township High School District 214 | \$4,800.00 |
| Aurora | Aurora Public Library | \$4,800.00 |
| Belleville | Regional Office of Education - St. Clair County | \$4,800.00 |
| Belleville | Southwestern Illinois College | \$4,000.00 |
| Belleville | Southwestern Illinois College | \$4,500.00 |

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| Benld | Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library | \$4,325.00 |
| Benton | Benton Public Library District | \$4,800.00 |
| Berwyn | Berwyn Public Library | \$4,800.00 |
| Canton | Spoon River College | \$4,800.00 |
| Carbondale | SIU - Evaluation & Developmental Center | \$3,655.00 |
| Carterville | John A. Logan College | \$4,800.00 |
| Carthage | Carl Sandburg College Branch Campus | \$4,800.00 |
| Centralia | Kaskaskia College | \$4,023.00 |
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| Centralia | Kaskaskia College | \$4,023.00 |
| Chester | Chester Public Library | \$4,800.00 |
| 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 | Chinese Mutual Aid Association | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago | De La Salle Institute | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago | Girls of Grace Youth Organization | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago | Howard Area Community Center | \$4,800.00 |
| Chicago | Illinois Migrant Council | \$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 | Sullivan House | \$4,793.00 |
| Chicago | Urhai Community Service Center | \$4,760.00 |
| Collinsville | Mississippi Valley Public Library District | \$4,800.00 |
| Decatur | Richland Community College | \$4,800.00 |
| Dixon | Sauk Valley Community College | \$4,800.00 |
| East Saint Louis | East Saint Louis Public Library | \$4,800.00 |
| Godfrey | Lewis & Clark Community College | \$4,800.00 |
| Harrisburg | Harrisburg Public Library District | \$4,800.00 |
| Herrin | Herrin City Library | \$4,800.00 |
| Joliet | Joliet Public Library | \$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 |
| Mount Vernon | Reg. Office of Education - Hamilton/Jefferson Counties | \$4,800.00 |
| Normal | Reg. Office of Education - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean | \$4,800.00 |
| Oswego | Oswego Public Library District | \$4,782.00 |
| Peoria | Peoria Public Library | \$4,800.00 |
| Robbins | William Leonard Public Library District | \$4,800.00 |
| Robinson | Robinson Public Library District | \$3,789.00 |
| Saint Elmo | St. Elmo Public Library District | \$4,800.00 |
| Scales Mound | Scales Mound School District 211 | \$4,576.00 |
| Villa Park | Villa Park Public Library | \$4,744.00 |
| Virden | Virden Parent Place | \$4,800.00 |
| West Frankfort | West Frankfort Public Library | \$4,600.00 |

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