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JESSE WHITE AWARDS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded grants to ten public libraries with infrastructure improvement needs under the FY08 Live and Learn construction grant program offered by the Illinois State Library.

“These grants assist public libraries in paying for the cost of 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. “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:

- **Bensenville** Community Public Library District, \$50,000 to upgrade the library entrance, lobby and restrooms for handicapped accessibility.
- Ida Public Library, **Belvidere**, \$10,441 to add power assisted doors and to correct drainage issues that created problems for patrons who utilize the library’s handicapped accessible ramp and entrance.
- **Wood Dale** Public Library District, \$25,000 to create a handicapped accessible circulation desk with a sit-down service area to replace an existing circulation desk that is not accessible to the handicapped.
- **St. Elmo** Public Library District, \$25,000 to assist in the remodeling of a building for a new branch library in the village of **Brownstown**.
- **Greenville** Public Library, \$24,638 for new carpeting throughout the library and to paint the exterior of the building.
- **Walnut** Public Library District, \$25,000 for asbestos abatement to remove existing contaminated flooring.
- **Paxton** Carnegie Library, \$25,000 to replace the front entrance concrete steps which are no longer safe because of cracking and crumbling concrete.
- **Sparta** Public Library, \$25,000 for reconfiguration of the library to expand customer service without enlarging the library itself. The project will create an accessible computer workstation, teen room and front entrance patron information desk.
- Bryan-Bennett Library, **Salem**, \$25,000 to assist in converting an old grade-school into the library’s new location. The new facility will have 50 per cent more space than its current location.
- **Marion** Carnegie Library, \$27,196 to renovate an interior section of the library to house a teen center for young adults.

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