



# Jesse White

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### **Jesse White Awards Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants**

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded Fiscal Year 2011 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants totaling nearly \$12 million to 603 public libraries serving almost 11.7 million patrons.

“I am extremely proud of the outstanding service Illinois’ public libraries provide to our communities,” White said. “Our public libraries have never been more important to the patrons they serve. They have helped citizens enormously during recent difficult economic times by providing free Internet access, e-mail, books, CD’s DVD’s and other materials. Offering such service reinforces my belief that libraries are truly cornerstones of our communities.”

Per Capita Grant funding is authorized under Illinois library law and helps ensure that public libraries have some of the most important resources they need to address the needs of their patrons. Libraries count on Per Capita Grants for expenses such as paying for materials, personnel, equipment, electronic access, telecommunications and technology. Equalization Aid Grants are important because they help public libraries which have a low library tax base, and help ensure a minimum level of funding for library services.

(A [list of libraries](#) receiving grants is enclosed.)

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