

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
FY2002 LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA)**

DO YOU HAVE A DREAM FOR YOUR LIBRARY COMMUNITY GRANTS

Addison	Addison Library	Public	\$36,420.00	The library's dream is to do more to serve the immigrant population of our community. The plan includes expanding collections in languages of patrons, educating staff so that they can better communicate with patrons, and spreading the word throughout the immigrant community of Addison that the library has materials and services for everyone.
Alton	Hayner Library District	Public	\$16,725.00	The "Connecting Across Multi-generations" (CAM) grant request is a project that has two distinct implementations. Part one entails the video taping of a senior patron reading a favorite children's story. This video will be given to a child (probably grandchild) as a living memory of their grandparent reading a story to them and also as an incentive for the child to read. So many grandparents live far away from the grandchildren and this is a way to communicate and share a very valuable memory. The second part of the implementation is to provide very basic e-mail training for seniors so they can continue to communicate with their families and grandchildren through a medium that kids are becoming so familiar with. The fun sending and receiving email provides an impetus to both grandparent and child to "talk" often (electronically) and share their life experiences and events via the internet. This is the dream of the Hayner Public Library District - to foster family communication and unite generations through a love of reading.
Belvidere	Immanuel School Library	Lutheran	\$9,030.00	Immanuel Lutheran School Library's dream service is to offer "Family Reading Fun Packs" to its students to check out and share with their families. The Packs are theme oriented and are

available at a variety of interest and reading levels from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The contents of each Pack include several books for families to read aloud together, as well as items such as craft supplies, audio books on cassette, educational games, puzzles, and other activities involving reading and spending time together as a family.

Bensenville Bensenville \$15,300.00
 Community Public
 Library District

The Bensenville Way: To Satisfy and Delight insures warm, friendly, and equal access to all the public library has to offer to middle school students from Blackhawk Junior High School and to specially-challenged youth and teens from the Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association. This multi-part program responds to the need in our community for programs and services that offer positive, comfortable ways for teens to participate in an active lifestyle conducive to healthy, productive development.

Carbondale Carbondale Public \$22,397.00
 Library

Because certain segments of the community (the poor, young adults, people of color and adults' spiritual needs) are essentially underserved by the Carbondale Public Library, the library proposes programming to help right these unintentional wrongs. If the State Library funds this grant. The grant will start an ongoing authors' series for all age groups and ethnicity's. Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Kurtis Lamkin, Dana Stabenow, Bobbiel Ann Mason, Patricia Hample, Stuart Murphy and Dave Johnson would add energy and interest to the cultural climate here. It would be good for people in the area. It would be good for the library, with which local people are inextricably entwined.

Centralia Centralia Regional \$52,000.00
 Library District

At the request of civic leaders and educators, the Centralia Regional Library District wants to offer services to residents of Sandoval, Carrigan, and Meridian Townships in Marion and Clinton Counties, Illinois including the population center of

Sandoval. This grant will establish a branch library for demonstration of services and lead to a referendum in March, 2002 with the goal of annexing Sandoval, Carrigan, and Meridian Townships to the Centralia Regional Library District. Residents of these townships are receiving the full complement of nonresident library services offered at the existing three branches and Main Library of the Centralia Regional Library District.

Champaign Champaign Public \$34,535.00
Library

The Champaign Public Library will create Libros y Familias: Books and Families, a year-long cooperative project that extends Library service to Champaign's Latino families. By providing a Latino Services Coordinator, expanding collections, using the Bookmobile to increase outreach service to Latino neighborhoods, and creating a more inviting Library environment for non-English speakers, the Library hopes to enable Latino families to become confident Library users. Their families will regularly use the library to find Spanish language reading materials, connect with other Latino families, enrich their quality of life, and continue to become lifelong learners.

Charleston Eastern Illinois \$10,000.00
University

Part of the mission of the new Ballenger Teachers' Center in Booth Library is providing programming of interest to on-campus users and also developing in-service opportunities for educators. With changes in Certification Renewal requirements for K-12 educators, including school library medial specialists, our dream is a program of continuing professional development. By working with the Regional Office of Education and EIU's College of Education and Office of Continuing Education, the center can offer four half-day workshops, with expansion plans and continuation of these programs, as needed.

Chicago Chicago Public \$58,529.00
Library

Students diagnosed as learning disabled have increased over 200 percent in the last 25 years. According to Chicago Public

Schools, these students include over seven percent of Chicago's public school enrollment. Parents and teachers everywhere need quality information to diagnose, understand, and advocate for these children. Three of Chicago Public Library's branches - Edgewater, Humboldt Park, and Jefferson Park - span the socially diverse northern half of Chicago's school system and are ideally located to serve as learning disability resource centers. This project will open doors for learning disabled children, their parents, and teachers through bilingual collection development, partnerships and programming.

Chicago Donors Forum of \$10,000.00
Chicago

The Donors Forum of Chicago Library (Library) is creating the "Philanthropy Portal" to enable the public to access the highly specialized resources and Donors Forum expertise via the Internet. A revamped Library home page will allow patrons access not only to the Library's new online catalog, but also information portals related to philanthropy and funding research, an online tutorial for funding research, and a new "Ask the Librarian" feature, providing online reference.

Chillicothe Chillicothe Public \$16,800.00
Library District

My dream is to implement a program that brings books to life for elementary age school children, in grades Kindergarten through Eighth grade, for our rural Public Library District. This would be done through a community volunteer program, coordinated by library staff, that would take preselected books, along with props, such as puppets and costumes, into the public schools. We would provide prepared kits, complete with books, outlines, inventories and props, along with two, three-hour training workshops, for these volunteers. The program would run from October, 2001 through May, 2002, with much of the preliminary work being done by staff and a planning committee, prior to the commencement of the program. The benefit of this program to our community, which consists of a municipal township, along

with parts of two outlying, rural areas, would be to present literature in a fun and informative way, and to reach a vast majority of children that otherwise don't have exposure to an abundance of books. The program could also be used to benefit home-school classes in the area, and would be available to all interested parties, provided they complete the training workshops. My far-reaching goal would be to have this program grow as times goes on, and to eventually create a statewide network of "Bringing Books To Life" workshops and programs.

Coal City Coal City Public \$10,000.00
Library District

The Coal City Public Library District dreams of providing increased access to all residents of the library community. Realization of this dream will be met by implementing the following services: homebound delivery, drive-up book return, and key tag library cards. With these services and tools in place the Coal City Public Library District will be able to provide better access to library services for all residents of the district. Through this grant the hope is to make the dream a reality.

Coal Valley River Bend Library \$76,300.00
System

The DREAM project is a carefully designed, step-by-step program that will move RBLs and NLS member libraries from reactive to proactive library management. Planning based on accurate assessment of community needs is the key element in putting this change into effect. Member representatives from all types and sizes of libraries will benefit from change management, team building and planning workshops that provide them the tools to implement this process. A "Dream Team" of regional library leaders will be trained to actively encourage and support this operational transition. Better future planning across two system service areas will result in providing services that are better targeted to end-user needs.

DeKalb Northern Illinois \$30,812.00

The dream this project holds is to draw upon Northern Illinois

University

University's proven digitization expertise and experience to design and implement a multimedia database of historical materials pertaining to Native Americans' society and culture in Illinois prior to 1832. The kinds of primary source materials to be presented are rare in themselves, and still rarer on the World Wide Web; the project will make them accessible to students, scholars and the general public. The database will be composed of maps, prints, drawings, sound and video materials, presented alongside contemporary scholars' interpretations.

Des Plaines Des Plaines Public \$13,285.00
Library

The dream is that the Des Plaines Public Library is a unique resource that helps the neighboring small downtown businesses and retailers prosper and succeed. The dream that the library creatively responds to the expressed wishes of its nearby condominium residents and thus serves them in innovative and timely ways. The dream that the library as the downtown anchor becomes the heart of the city's redevelopment.

Eureka Eureka Public \$140,000.00
Library District

The Eureka Public Library District is involved in a demonstration service project to make library resources available to all families in the consolidated school district who presently reside in townships without library service. One third of the K-12 student population comes from these unserved areas. By replicating at a satellite location the services now available at the library district, we are preparing for a spring 2002 referendum to annex the unserved territory. The grant initiative allows the perspective new district constituents to EXPLORE their options, EXPAND their service area, and EXTEND their horizons through uniform library service.

Evergreen Evergreen Park \$17,800.00
Park Public Library

The Evergreen Park Public Library's dream, called the "Evergreen Park Library Small Business Support Program" (SBSP), proposes the development of a library-based resource

program for local small businesses. The Library, the Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of Village government partner to provide information and networking assistance to small businesses in the community. The Library will implement: *A seminar series for small business owners and interested community members. *A Community Small Business Support Center. Evaluation is a critical component of the SBSP. Qualitative and quantitative data from needs assessment and survey/interview instruments will be used.

Farmington Farmington Public \$14,339.00
Library District

The dream of the Farmington Public Library is to provide reference, computer, homework, and reader advisory service and training in the library's separate lower level young people's department after school, evenings, and Saturdays during the school year. Many children, young people, and families use the library during these hours. A staff person specifically available to determine and meet their library and information services needs during the targeted hours is a dream that would become a reality with this grant.

Forreston Forreston Public \$10,000.00
Library

The dream of the Forreston Public Library is to expand our hours of service from 32 hours per week to 45 hours per week. We proposed to do this by establishing "winter hours" effective from September 1, 2001 - May 31, 2002. During the upcoming school year, the Forreston grade school will be renovated, and will not offer any library services for the entire school year. The nine month period will not only serve the students, but also help the library board to determine the worth of additional hours of operation on a permanent basis.

Freeport Freeport Public \$69,170.00
Library

The goal of the Freeport Public Library is to have the ability to provide more points of access to the valuable historical information materials in the Frances Woodhouse Local History

Room, as well as to store the materials so that they will continue to be accessible for future generations. The library would like to organize, digitize and display current photograph and slide collection, and create a website that accesses the digitized information. The dream is to have as many points of access to the information in the collection as possible from any workstation, inside or outside the Library.

Freeport Freeport School \$30,000.00
 District #145

The dream for the Freeport High School community is "History Retouched." It is the purpose of "History Retouched" to restore to optimal condition the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A) paintings and wood prints contained in the Freeport High School Instructional Material Center's (IMC) art collection. The overall goal of this endeavor is to ensure that future generations of students and community members may enjoy and benefit educationally from these works of art.

Fulton River Bend \$45,000.00
 Community Unit
 District #2

The R.A.F.T.ing on the Mississippi River Project proves that Reading and Fiction writing Together initiates notable gains for development of life-long learners. Through a variety of literary experiences, students are exposed to the history of the Mississippi River and the role that it plays in their lives. Elements of the project include presentations, workshops, a telecollaborative writing module, and the formation of a new River Resource Collection in each of the four school LRCs.

Glen Carbon Glen Carbon \$11,656.00
 Centennial Library

The Glen Carbon Centennial Library would like to provide delivery services to individuals in the community who are unable to access the library wither temporarily or permanently for a variety of reasons. These include delivery services to the homebound elderly, families with infants up to six weeks old, individuals unable to leave the home due to temporary or permanent illness, and delivery service to two local nursing

homes, and the senior citizen's center. A common goal of many libraries is to try to connect with and provide services to those unserved in their communities, that is the "dream" of the Glen Carbon Centennial Library.

Gurnee Warren-Newport \$24,800.00
Public Library
District

The Warren-Newport Public Library proposes to establish an area in the library for offering hands-on activities for children and their families. Hands-on activities are a means to attract kids to the library, encourage reading, and enhance learning in children from preschool through 5. Hands-on activities provide a kind of 24/7 service, as the activities and reading materials will be available all hours that the library is open. An educational consultant will provide training for staff in developing hands-on activities. Partnerships with local schools and museums will also provide support. Children today need time to discover, explore, and read. The hands-on activity center at the library will be just the place for busy families to go to learn, read, and spend time together.

Harrisburg Southeastern Illinois \$8,450.00
College

Southeastern Illinois College's Alternative Learning Through Electronic Reserves (ALTER) Program proposes an alternative means of accessing course reserve materials. The materials are made accessible online through the library's web page. Software is developed and implemented to target the library patron's specific needs. The professor of a course generates articles, slides, course outlines, chapter notes and tests that are placed on reserve in the library. The ALTER Program allows the library staff to scan materials into an easily accessible format. Materials are then transferred to the existing web server and an index and full text of available documents is automatically made available to students.

Hillside Hillside Public \$71,625.00
Library

The Hillside Public Library plans to partner with Berkeley Public Library and Bellwood Public Library to hold a three-day festival

celebrating the rich cultural and ethnic heritage of these communities. As a result of the 2001 census, the Chicago Tribune ranks these three communities as among the most integrated in the greater Chicagoland area. Local patron focus groups are providing expertise throughout the planning and implementation of the project. The libraries have the support of the local governments, chambers of commerce and public and private schools to make this celebration all encompassing and unique to these municipalities.

Ina Rend Lake College \$12,345.00

Rend Lake College has a dream for my library community. The dream is to improve the children's library, "Kids' Corner", at Rend Lake College by providing more books and other materials that encourage reading and language development in children. The materials and activities purchased with grant funds will enhance story hour resources and programming. The target audience for activities funded by this grant includes the children enrolled in the Children's Center at Rend Lake College and all children residing in the college district. This grant is prepared in collaboration with the Children's Center and the Rend Lake College Literacy Program.

Johnsburg Johnsburg Public \$25,860.00
Library District

The Johnsburg Public Library is attracting young adults to the library with F.A.M.E - Furnishings, Audiovisual Materials, and Environment. The F.A.M.E. plan includes physically creating an area within the library with young adult appeal through the use of age-appealing furnishings, audiovisual materials and equipment, and a virtual art gallery of young adult visual and poetic art. The F.A.M.E. plan will hopefully result in a new, cool library environment that will entice young adults in the community to the library.

Kankakee Limestone \$10,100.00

The Limestone Township Library is forming a Multimedia Book

Township Library

Club for youths in grades 3rd - 8th to increase their reading and writing skills while exposing them to new technology. The Club will be creating interactive books (books) on a computer with the help of a creative writing instructor, storyteller, and illustrator. These books will include sounds, buttons to click, pictures, artwork, animation and more. Using an LCD projector and touch-sensitive whiteboard, the books will be shared with the community through preschool storytimes, special multimedia family storytimes, and use on the Library's multimedia computers.

Kankakee Limestone \$51,240.00
Township Library

The Computer Literacy Initiative is a cooperative technology training program involving the Bradley and Limestone Township Public Libraries. The goal of this program is to promote computer literacy through extensive staff and public training. The program includes a portable Laptop Learning Lab that is shared between the libraries and allows each library to conduct computer training sessions in a lab setting. This program also involves staff laptop checkouts, development of "Kwik Guydz" for public training, the preparation of staff trainers for public training, and the training of volunteer computer tutors for one-on-one assistance. The public computer training sessions are available to residents in all surrounding communities.

LaGrange LaGrange Park \$18,196.00
Park Public Library
District

Community leaders have noticed a lack of participation in and comprehension of how the American governmental system operates. To assist residents in becoming more aware of how their government works, the LaGrange Park Public Library proposes a series of public programs on various levels of government service. These programs are to be videotaped so they can be aired on local cable television and patrons who have missed the live programs may view them.

Lake Villa Lake Villa Public \$11,990.00

Two neighboring public libraries and a local school that feeds into

Library District

both library districts are partnering for a grant to better and more fully serve young adults. Using the help of consultant(s), staff at both the public and school libraires will receive training in successful strategies in reaching the unique audience. With young adult input, a plan will be devised. All three institutions will jointly work on a series of coordinated activities and programs devoted to young adults.

Lake Zurich Ela Area Public \$7,750.00
Library District

Ela Area Public Library is implementing a cutting edge approach to collection inventory that can improve access to collections while freeing staff time for services to patrons. The "magic library wand" utilized radio frequency identification technology that is prevalent in the private sector for speedy customer service and inventory purposes. An important component of the program is the hiring and training of temporary library workers to conduct the initial inventory. The dream is to have all our materials accurately accessible in 2002.

Lockport Homer Township \$49,485.00
Public Library

The Homer Township Public Library in partnership with the New Lenox Public Library and the Wilmington Library will create a shared Technical Support Specialist position. This will provide the technical assistance that has become so essential at each library due to the increasing patron demand for access to technology. By sharing financial resources this opportunity encourages each library to continue long-range plans to develop budgetary support for future technological progress. By establishing this position for LAN, WAN, and Internet support the libraries will maximize their automation infrastructures while distributing the financial burden, thereby ensuring quality and consistent service to their patrons.

Morris Morris Area Public \$11,250.00
Library District

The Morris Area Public Library has a dream to promote reading among young patrons by taking an active role in improving their

reading skills. The library wants to create a "Reading Lift-Off Center," a special area in the children's department with computers that feature reading/phonics software as well as reading kits that include books and reading games. The program will focus on kindergarten through third grade children.

Morris Morris Community High SD 101 \$10,259.00

A number of years ago Morris Community High School (MCHS) revised its daily program to incorporate a 4-block schedule that accelerated classes and eliminated study halls, creating no time during the day for unscheduled use of the library materials. MCHS students and staff would benefit from extending the hours of the library. Extended hours would also allow for cooperation with the public library in providing community technology workshops using the school library computer lab. Finally, the addition of laptop computers for checkout by students to complete assignments would give equal opportunity for success to students.

Murphysboro Sallie Logan Public Library \$12,198.00

The Sallie Logan Public Library is developing family concept corners to better meet the needs of children and their families. Patron requests for information on topics that are of a stressful nature are increasing. Families have turned to the Library for information on topics such as: going to the doctor, divorce, death of a pet, starting school, moving, making friends, bullies, new family situations, and a new baby in the family. To better serve families the Library is purchasing books for children, parenting titles, videos and book/cassette kits on these topics and featuring them in a special area.

Niles Niles Public Library District \$9,300.00

Niles Public Library District hopes to create an after-school program by providing an inviting space in the library where young adults from the Niles' public and private schools can meet after school. The library will open up the large meeting room to the

students twice a month and provide additional study resources, books, entertainment materials, activities, and guest speakers. The atmosphere of the "after school program" will be inviting to teens a place to "hang out" and unwind after a day of school. The organized structure of the "after school program" will expose young adults to libraries, cultures, academics and art.

North Chicago North Chicago Public Library \$22,500.00

The proposed program is simple, yet a much-needed service to the community of North Chicago. To offer an after school program for local kids, which will encourage their love of reading, as well as their social skills with each other and with adults. The community does not provide another after school forum that provides educational experiences, along with reading programs. The library is in a unique position to provide children in the Library with a program to encourage them to be life long readers!

Ohio Ohio Community SD 17 \$6,282.00

The community desires expanded library hours and an opportunity for community/family activities. The staff's dream is to open the library one evening a month and offer community/family oriented literature-based activities. The library wants to instill the love of reading into our youth in a family orientated setting.

Ottawa Reddick Library \$9,275.00

Reddick Library has spent a great deal of money on the building to make it more user friendly for those with disabilities. Unfortunately, in the process of getting new patrons into the building, the library failed to address what is able to be offered in the way of circulating materials, or aids that help handicapped children participate more actively in library programs. The grant funds will assist the library in establishing a library of materials specifically for those with hearing impairment and those who interact with hearing impaired individuals. Also included in the budget are numerous teaching aids to assist with story time

presentations to encourage reading and communication skills.

Pekin Alliance Library System \$102,200.00

Imagine a wildfire of enthusiasm blazing across central Illinois as the 300+ librarians of Alliance Library System make 100,000 personal recruitment contacts in 2002 - speaking with passion about the many facets of librarians' jobs in Illinois. "Red Hot Careers @ your library" is presented by librarians from all types of libraries to audiences of their choice in schools, colleges and communities. The goal is to empower librarians to inform the public about the changing and dynamic role of Illinois librarians. Librarians receive a "Recruitment Tool Kit" and presentation training at a National Library Week Kickoff event in February 2002. The four-month design phase of the project, prior to February 2002, finds a team of librarians working hand-in-hand with professional marketers and graphic designers to develop the presentation modules, the presentation training, and the "Recruitment Tool Kit." Librarians work with a professional marketing agency to design modules-about specific aspects of their jobs. After receiving training, individual librarians choose modules and tailor their presentations to audiences from ages 5 to 65 to convey the library profession as an exciting, dynamic career choice.

Peoria OSF Saint Francis Medical Center \$50,221.00

The dream of the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Library in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Chicago Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria is to provide knowledge-based resources at the point of care or patient bedside through the use of handheld computing technology. The libraries currently provide the latest in medical information in print and electronic format; however, the next a critical step is to provide information at a place beyond the libraries' physical presence or a staff member's ability to log into a computer. The OSF Library and the Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria propose to use handheld technology

to introduce new technology and information formats to medical students, residents, hospital staff, and attending physicians to improve patient care, assist them in their work, increase their efficiency, and the work with the hospital in preparing for a new patient care system.

Quincy Quincy University \$29,600.00

A consortium of academic libraries serving the Quincy region is developing an online, interactive library instruction program geared towards both the traditional and untraditional college student. The goals of the program are to: create an interactive program to familiarize students with basic library resources; teach research strategies for each discipline and enable students to use that information to solve problems; help students reach the information literacy goals outlined by the Association of College and Research Libraries. The program consists of slide shows, use of interactive course software and real-time workshops hosted by the participating libraries.

Ramsey Ramsey Library Public \$12,500.00

The library would like to start several programs for patrons, but one huge item would be staffing help. The library would like to hire another part-time person to help with the following programming: Story hour for pre-school age children - monthly; After-school homework program - weekly; Senior citizen reading hour - monthly; Summer reading program - weekly in summer; Evening hours. These programs will take in a large age group of patrons and hopefully bring in patrons at other times throughout the year.

River Grove Triton Library College \$54,420.00

The dream is that Triton's library is the first place people go -- physically or virtually--when they recognize a need for information. After the library's recent renovation, the staff wanted to attract the widest audience possible. As a community college library, the first responsibility to the campus, but the staff

recognized its presence in the community and in the world. The influence extends out into concentric circles of campus, community and world. This campaign will increase the visibility of the library on these levels so that the library can also address the need for information literacy among users.

Round Lake Round Lake Area \$39,340.00
Public Library
District

The Round Lake Area Library and the Warren-Newport Public Library share a common dream to bring quality library service to our underserved Hispanic residents. While the goals are the same, present needs and levels of expertise are very different. Round Lake Area Library and Warren-Newport Public Library are currently partnering in a project to introduce the public library to our Hispanic residents. This grant will continue the partnership by sharing expertise developing an outreach program at Round Lake Area Library and core collection of Spanish language materials at Warren-Newport Public Library.

Springfield Illinois State \$11,970.00
Historical Library

After many years of storage in less-than-ideal conditions, and in preparation for the library's move to new quarters in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, the Illinois State Historical Library proposed to clean, inspect, re-box, and re-label its extensive collections of microfilm and motion picture film, utilizing equipment that was originally designed for the motion picture industry.

Springfield Illinois State \$91,525.00
Archives

The Illinois State Archives houses the original township plats of the federal survey of Illinois lands (1807-1855). The plan to digitize these 3,478 images and make them available on CDs and on Archives Internet site. The Public Domain Land Sales Database includes some 550,000 entries of the original buyers of the federal public domain in Illinois. In 2000 this Internet database received 415,921 searches. It is believed that with the proper link in place users of that database will also view the plats.

Once digitized the original plats themselves will seldom be consulted, thus ensuring their preservation.

Springfield Illinois State \$46,000.00
Historical Library

The Illinois State Historical Library, in collaboration with Lincoln College, Illinois College, and Bradley University, wants to create preservation color microfilm copies and color digital images of approximately 3,000 manuscripts and broadsides related to the life of Abraham Lincoln. As part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, the library will make these document images and appropriate metadata available to in-house library patrons, thus enhancing access to these materials while aiding in preservation by dramatically decreasing the need to handle the originals. The project will also create a new basis for institutional collaboration in preservation and digitization efforts.

Sterling Sterling CUSD #5 \$19,000.00

In November 2000, Sterling High School successfully partnered with Newman Catholic High School and Sterling Public Library to share one online public access catalog, circulation privileges, and bibliographic records. The High School also needs to partner with our district elementary schools to facilitate sharing library materials and expand access to digitized information and books.

Toulon Toulon Public \$6,500.00
Library District

The library's dream is to offer materials and programming to the birth to pre-school age children and their caregivers. The library want to offer this target audience the opportunity to introduce their child to the reading world at an early age by using developmentally appropriate materials and activities to expand upon books. We will bring in speakers and special programs to enhance their library experiences and to assist the caregivers with knowledge on how to be the best provider they can be.

Vandalia Evans Public \$36,748.00
Library

Evans Public Library is offering services to all residents of the townships in the Vandalia School District. These are the Fayette

County townships of Bear Grove, Kaskaskia, Seminary, Shafter, Sharon, Vandalia, and Wilberton. This demonstration of library services will lead to a referendum in November 2002 with the goal of becoming a district library serving these seven townships. Evans Public Library has increased hours of operation, added two Internet computers and improved the collection to demonstrate the types of improvements that are possible by becoming a district library serving seven townships

Villa Park Villa Park Public \$24,107.00
Library

The Villa Park Public Library proposed to provide a model program "Training to Go" to bring technology training to targeted segments of the Villa Park community: senior citizens and at risk adults who have little or no access to computer training. 20 workshops will be provided and will cover Windows 2000, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, the Internet, and Electronic Reference Sources. The workshops will be held at two sites. Each workshop will be given twice in each location. Bilingual translators (English/Spanish, English/Urdu) will be available at one of the locations to facilitate the training

Wadsworth Millburn Community \$64,750.00
Consolidated
School District 24

Millburn School has a dream to make the Learning Resource Center (school library) the heart of a project for mathematical and information literacy. The Millburn LRC develops instructional activities and storytelling programs linking mathematical and information literacy; purchases resources on the beauty, power and joy of mathematics for students, teachers and parents; coordinates teacher development and parent education programs in mathematics and information literacy; and shares the mathematical literacy information with other schools and libraries through a web page and interlibrary loan.

Waterloo Morrison-Talbott \$12,121.00
Library

The Morrison-Talbott Library received a treasure trove of information when the Gardner family donated eleven boxes,

containing thousands of documents, of original Monroe County Survey records. These records were the personal collection of three generations of surveyors in Monroe County. Through Survey Monroe County @ the Morrison-Talbott Library, the Library is hoping to fulfill the dream of making these records available to the public for the first time, while preserving the fragile original documents.

Wheeling North Suburban \$51,050.00
Library System

The best of the best in youth services grant project creates, publishes and distributes a print and online resource for youth services personnel working in or considering working in public libraries throughout the State of Illinois. Comprised of forms, samples, formulas, articles, documents, and annotated bibliographies solicited from youth services professionals, this resource provides all the vital information to perform the job of youth services librarian successfully.