



# Jesse White

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### **WHITE AWARDS PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS**

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded 54 grants totaling \$250,000 that will allow Illinois families to participate in this summer's Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program.

“The Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy Program, now in its seventh year, provides positive, interactive reading and learning activities for parents and children during times when other reading programs may not be available to families,” said White. “Last year more than 2,100 parents and nearly 3,900 children took part in the program. Families working to enhance their literacy skills need access to quality educational programs year round, and this program fulfills that need while strengthening the bond between parents and children.”

The grants are named in honor of the late State Senator Penny Severns (D-Decatur). The program provides classes to improve the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of both parents and children during the summer. Services include instruction and interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together. Grants are awarded to educational agencies such as libraries, community colleges, community-based organizations, school districts, and volunteer literacy organizations.

“Illinois' outstanding network of community-based literacy programs are making a profound difference in the lives of citizens who want to achieve their utmost potential in life by improving their reading, writing, math or language skills,” White said. “I am extremely grateful to the men and women, especially our volunteer tutors, who take time to work with literacy students.

“I was proud to call Penny Severns my friend. She truly believed that serving the public was a noble profession, and that government could make a difference in the lives of citizens. Her tireless commitment to making life better for others is reflected in the program that bears her name.”

(A list of the grant awards is attached.)

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## FY05 PENNY SEVERNS GRANT RECIPIENTS

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
Benld	Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library	\$3,700.00
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$4,800.00
Berwyn	Berwyn Public Library	\$4,800.00
Biggsville	Henderson County Even Start	\$4,800.00
Bushnell	Carl Sandburg College	\$2,983.00
Canton	Spoon River College	\$4,800.00
Carbondale	SIU - Evaluation & Developmental Center	\$4,426.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$4,800.00
Centralia	Centralia Regional Library District	\$4,680.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	\$4,685.00
Centreville	Centreville Public Library	\$4,800.00
Champaign	Urban League of Champaign County	\$4,800.00
Chester	Chester Public Library	\$4,266.00
Chicago	Albany Park Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Allison United Foundation For Better Living	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services, Inc.	\$4,784.00
Chicago	Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Centro Comunitario Juan Diego	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Centro Romero	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Hull House Uptown Head Start	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Illinois Migrant Council	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Midwest Asian American Center	\$4,768.00
Chicago	Pui Tak Center	\$4,400.00
Chicago	Sullivan House	\$4,798.00

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Chicago	Sunlight African Community Center	\$4,800.00
Chicago	Urhai Community Service Center	\$4,600.00
Chicago	Vietnamese Association of Illinois	\$4,800.00
Collinsville	Collinsville Memorial Public Library	\$4,800.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	\$4,800.00
DuQuoin	DuQuoin Public Library	\$4,800.00
Godfrey	Lewis & Clark Community College	\$4,798.00
Joliet	Joliet Public Library	\$4,800.00
Macomb	McDonough County Even Start	\$4,686.00
Madison	Madison Community Unit School District #12	\$4,800.00
Moline	Moline Even Start Family Literacy	\$4,800.00
Monmouth	Warren County Even Start	\$4,800.00
Mount Vernon	ROE - Hamilton/Jefferson Counties	\$4,800.00
Normal	ROE - DeWitt/Livingston/McLean	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library - Lakeview Branch	\$4,800.00
Peoria	Peoria Public Library - Lincoln Branch	\$1,895.00
Robbins	William Leonard Public Library District	\$4,800.00
Robinson	Robinson Public Library District	\$4,534.00
Springfield	Lawrence Education Center	\$4,800.00
Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	\$4,800.00
Urbana	Urbana Schools Adult Education	\$4,350.00
Virden	Virden Parent Place	\$4,800.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	\$3,612.00
West Frankfort	West Frankfort Public Library	\$4,800.00
Wheaton	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	\$4,800.00