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Jesse White Awards Public Library Construction Grants

SPRINGFIELD--Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded FY2010 Live and Learn Construction Grants to twenty-four Illinois public libraries to help pay for essential capital improvements.

"This important grant program helps public libraries pay 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 facilities," White said. "Many of our public libraries simply don't have sufficient funds to pay for these improvements on their own, though in some instances these grants do require local matching funds.

"Our public libraries are cornerstones of our communities, and they have never been more important. During these difficult economic times, statistics have shown that more and more citizens are using their local public library for things like free Internet access, CD's, DVD's, newspapers and magazines. I am pleased to be able to award these grants through the Illinois State Library to help maintain the infrastructure of our public libraries, and help them remain the best resource available to citizens for information."

White said the libraries receiving grants are:

--**Huntley** Area Public Library District, \$10,394 to install power-assist doors, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant restroom counters, sinks and water fountains.

--**Streator** Public Library, \$50,000 for a building addition that will include a handicapped accessible entrance, elevator, restrooms and drinking fountains as well as a fire stairwell to become compliant with the state of Illinois fire code.

--**Wilmington** Public Library District, \$7,472 for power-assist automatic doors.

--**Hinsdale** Public Library, \$34,858 for elevator improvements to bring the library into ADA and ANSI (American National Standards Institute) code requirements.

--**River Forest** Public Library, \$2,700 to purchase ADA accessible furniture and electric lift computer work stations.

--**Bourbonnais** Public Library District, \$2,782 to install power-assist automatic doors.

--**Peru** Public Library, \$42,254 to install power-assist automatic entry doors and an ADA accessible circulation desk.

--Selby Township Library District in **DePue**, \$12,415 to replace the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and install new energy efficient lighting.

--Evans Public Library District in **Vandalia**, \$15,000 to install new carpeting

throughout the library.

--Dodge Memorial Library in **Olive Branch**, \$5,402 to replace and install new entry doors, replace carpeting and purchase six patron work stations.

--**Rosiclare** Memorial Public Library, \$15,500 to replace the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system and tuckpoint the building exterior.

--**Bellwood** Public Library, \$25,000 to replace carpeting throughout the library.

--**Eldorado** Memorial Public Library District, \$25,000 to install an emergency generator so that the library can serve as an information and emergency operations center in the event of a disaster.

--**Maywood** Public Library District, \$25,000 for interior painting, cleaning and sealing indoor concrete walls and installing safety railings.

--Frank Bertetti **Benld** Public Library, \$25,000 to install new flooring material, replace an entry door and purchase a new accessible circulation desk.

--Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library in **Sullivan**, \$6,300 for a new circulation desk in the library children's area.

--**Evansville** Public Library, \$24,500 to remodel restrooms for ADA compliance, replace carpeting and purchase new furniture for library users.

--**Park Forest** Public Library, \$25,000 to purchase new furnishings for the Youth Services area of the library.

--**Cahokia** Public Library, \$13,000 to make the library parking lot ADA compliant.

--**Alsip-Merrionette Park** Public Library District, \$125,000 to add a 17,000 square foot addition to the existing library.

--**Champaign** Public Library, \$112,465 for remodeling to create a public computer lab and improve the general condition of the inside of the library.

--Hope Welty Public Library in **Cerro Gordo**, \$31,500 to repair the inside wall, replace carpeting, insulation, drywall, cabinets and appliances. Funds will also be used to update the circulation desk, install signs, and install automatic doors for ADA compliance.

--**Quincy** Public Library, \$125,000 to replace the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system as part of a larger renovation project.

--**Peoria** Public Library, \$49,258 for improvements at the **Lincoln Branch** including repair and restoration of the exterior brick and stone masonry, installation of new insulated windows, replacing main entry doors, repairing gutters and replacing the rooftop with a rubber finish membrane.

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