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Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White Celebrates National Library Week April 10-16

Springfield—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is saluting Illinois librarians and other members of the library community who are celebrating National Library Week April 10-16.

“As I enter my fourth term as Illinois State Librarian, I am more proud than ever of our librarians and library staff,” said White. “They remain completely committed to providing the best possible service to library users, and are some of our most dedicated, hard working and knowledgeable public servants. Illinois has a network of more than 5,000 academic, public, school and special libraries and library systems that are without question the finest in the nation. Our libraries are so important to our communities, and during National Library Week I hope the citizens who use and enjoy libraries will thank their local librarians and library staff for their outstanding service.”

White said he is particularly proud that librarians and library staff embrace change and constantly seek to enhance their skills to provide better service to patrons.

“Right now members of the Illinois library community are enthusiastically taking part in ILEAD U, the Illinois State Library’s initiative where librarians are learning to use a variety of participatory technology tools and create programs that can be models for the nation,” said White. “Other members of the library community are involved in exhaustive efforts to merge our regional library systems so that we can continue to provide essential core services like prompt delivery, resource sharing and talking books to library users. This week librarians throughout Illinois are collecting and compiling information, comments, and photographs from events in a typical library day to show how valuable libraries are to our communities. These are the type of commitments that prove conclusively that Illinois libraries are the best, most affordable and most reliable sources of information available to citizens. I am honored to be a part of this outstanding community.”

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