

Jesse White Awards over \$400,000 in Illinois History – Digital Imaging Grants

Grant to support the creation and storage of digital collections

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded Illinois History – Digital Imaging grants totaling \$485,779 to 13 libraries for the preservation of and web access to historical collections.

“I am pleased to award these grants in an effort to increase access to collections that hold Illinois’ historical and cultural legacy,” said White. “Documents can fade, rip or degrade over time. By preserving these items, future generations will experience a deeper connection to Illinois’ rich history.”

Following is a list of libraries receiving grants as well as the amount awarded and the project for which it will be used.

- Blessing Health Professions Library in Quincy: \$39,304; “Open Access to the Healthcare History of the Quincy Community”
- Chicago Horticultural Society in Glencoe: \$67,273; “Digitization of Original Manuscripts of Orchidologists and the Horticultural Society of Chicago”
- Eureka Public Library District in Eureka: \$10,449; “Pumpkins, Parades & Pies: Eureka's Pumpkin Festival Past, 1939-1961”
- Gail Borden Public Library District in Elgin: \$10,895; “Elgin's History - A Look Back in Time”
- Galena Public Library in Galena: \$9,557; “Galena Area Historic Photos Digitization Project”
- Highland Park Public Library in Highland Park: \$78,667; “Highland Park Memory Project”
- Huntley Area Public Library District in Huntley: \$5,521; “Preservation and Digitization of the Dairy and Agricultural History of Huntley, Illinois”
- Illinois State Archives in Springfield: \$78,800; “Register of Prisoners Digitization Project”
- Meadville Lombard Theological School/Wiggin Library in Chicago: \$37,456; “Illinois in Transition: Liberal Religious Activism, 1890-1983”
- Mount Prospect Public Library in Mount Prospect: \$5,660; “Dimensions of Life in Mount Prospect”
- Oak Park Public Library in Oak Park: \$86,919; “Hacking Hemingway: Cracking the Code to the Vault”
- Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in Edwardsville: \$42,371; “Madison County, Illinois, Naturalization Records: A Digital Collection of Social and Family History”
- Vespasian Warner Public Library District in Clinton: \$12,907; “Vespasian Warner Public Library World War I Collection”

The Illinois History –Digital Imaging grants will expand access to electronic collections through the Illinois Digital Archives database maintained by the Illinois State Library. To view the collections and other historical artifacts, visit the Illinois Digital Archives website at <http://idaillinois.org/>. For more information about the Illinois History – Digital Imaging grant program, please call Karen Egan at 217-782-7749.

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