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Jesse White Awards More Than \$700,000 in Construction Grants to 17 Public Libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded \$701,386 in FY15 Live and Learn Construction Grants to 17 public libraries to help pay for essential, capital improvements.

“Our public libraries are cornerstones of our communities,” said White. “I am pleased to award these grants through the Illinois State Library to help maintain the infrastructure of our public libraries so that they remain the best information resource available to citizens.”

Libraries receiving grants are:

- Altamont Public Library - \$35,000 for roof replacement and new flooring.
- Atlanta Public Library District - \$25,000 for remodeling of an existing building to be used for programming.
- Bensenville Community Public Library District - \$125,000 for enlarging the youth services area for the existing building.
- Blue Island Public Library - \$35,000 for new flooring throughout the library.
- Elk Grove Village Public Library - \$7,603 for the replacement of the current 35-year-old roof.
- Highwood Public Library - \$50,000 to construct a new entrance and two restrooms to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications.
- Hometown Public Library - \$11,967 for new carpeting throughout the library.
- Morton Grove Public Library - \$50,000 to remodel the auditorium to meet ADA specifications.
- Oregon Public Library District - \$50,000 for remodeling the interior and building a ground-level entrance and elevator to meet ADA specifications.
- Pinckneyville Public Library - \$22,307 for the replacement of two HVAC units and the installation of new window coverings.
- Putnam County Public Library District in Hennepin - \$50,000 to remodel the public restrooms and modify the curb and sidewalk along with entrances to meet ADA specifications.
- Rosiclare Memorial Public Library - \$33,936 for exterior tuckpointing, wall repairs due to water damage, painting, new gutter installation, a new book drop and a new circulation desk.
- Sparta Public Library - \$35,000 for window replacements and a new exterior digital sign.
- Tri-City Public Library District in Buffalo - \$7,603 for the construction of a new 3,684 square-foot building.
- Waverly Public Library - \$3,100 for the installation of a new furnace.
- White Hall Township Library - \$34,870 for the replacement of the existing flat roof with a new membrane roof system.
- Williamsville Public Library - \$125,000 to construct a new 7,900 square-foot building.

Information concerning the Illinois State Library’s Live and Learn construction grant program can be found at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/livelearn_construction.html.

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