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Jesse White Awards More Than \$620,000 in Construction Grants to 17 Public Libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded \$620,800 in FY20 Live and Learn Construction Grants to 17 public libraries to help pay for essential capital improvements.

“I am pleased to award these grants to help maintain the infrastructure of our public libraries so that they remain the best information resource available to citizens,” said White. “Many of our public libraries simply do not have sufficient funds to pay for these improvements on their own. I am proud to provide this necessary support.”

Libraries receiving grants are:

- Argenta-Oreana Public Library District — \$50,000 for the remodeling of the entrance way to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications and the installation of power assist entry doors.
- Arlington Heights Memorial Library — \$50,000 to renovate the existing accessible parking space, exterior ramp and stairs, interior ramp and vestibule, and main level restrooms to meet ADA standards.
- Bellwood Public Library — \$35,000 for the replacement of the HVAC system.
- Blue Island Public Library — \$35,000 for masonry tuck pointing on the building façade and the updating of the library’s HVAC system.
- Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem — \$35,000 for interior remodeling to create a space for meetings and library programs.
- Colona District Library — \$29,800 for an interior remodeling and renovation project to address ADA requirements.
- Daugherty Public Library in Dupo — \$35,000 for the installation of a new roof.
- Harrisburg Public Library District — \$11,185 for new flooring throughout the library.
- Hometown Public Library — \$19,796 for the purchase of an ADA-compliant circulation desk and exterior book drop.
- Illinois Heartland Library System in Champaign — \$25,500 for the remodeling of the restrooms to meet ADA standards.
- Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library in Highland — \$50,000 for the installation of an ADA-compliant fire alarm system, new flooring and replacement of the HVAC system.
- Maywood Public Library — \$35,000 for new flooring throughout the library.
- McCoy Memorial Library in McLeansboro — \$35,000 for interior renovations to the 133-year-old building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for Illinois.
- Midlothian Public Library — \$111,011 toward a \$3.5 million major renovation of the library’s exterior.
- Newton Public Library District — \$3,570 for the installation of a power assist entry door.
- Pinckneyville Public Library — \$25,236 for the installation of new flooring throughout the library.
- Sallie Logan Public Library in Murphysboro — \$34,702 for the renovation of the electrical and data systems, the installation of new flooring and an updated telecommunications system.

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

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