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Jesse White Awards Nearly \$6 Million to Libraries Focused on Pandemic Recovery

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded nearly \$6 million to libraries focused on responding directly to the COVID-19 pandemic by modifying services, transforming spaces and developing resources for their local recovering workforce.

“During the ongoing pandemic, libraries have had to retool their services to match the needs of the community and I am honored to be able to provide funding to allow these libraries to expand access to their patrons,” said Secretary White. “I applaud the library community in Illinois for their hard work as they continue to provide essential services during this challenging time.”

A total of \$5,740,350 funded 211 academic, school, special and public libraries, all of which received grants ranging from \$5,000 to over \$1 million. A combination of funding sources provided through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), both from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and state technology funds were used to maximize the statewide impact.

Grants were awarded under three categories:

- **Bouncing Back from the Pandemic -- Developing Resources for the Local Workforce:** Projects focus on providing essential resources so job seekers can access employment services and training to build the necessary skills to become job ready. Thirty libraries received \$730,730.
- **Expanding Digital Inclusion -- Transforming Library Services:** Projects focus on restoring services and enhancing digital inclusion efforts focused on circulating internet hotspots, laptops and other devices that support pandemic recovery. Forty-seven libraries received \$809,409.
- **On the Road to Recovery: Transforming Library Spaces:** Projects focus on academic, public, school and special libraries that prioritize health and safety while focusing on restoration of the library’s capacity to operate and offer clean, safe library spaces while preventing the spread of COVID-19. One hundred thirty-four libraries received a total of \$4,200,211.

(A list of libraries receiving grants is enclosed.)

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FY22 Pandemic Recovery Grants

<i>City</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Addison	Addison Public Library	\$8,412.00
Albion	Edwards County CCUD 1	\$49,000.00
Alton	Hayner Public Library District	\$24,317.00
Ashkum	Central Community Unit School District 4	\$10,084.00
Ashland	A-C Central CUSD 262	\$6,730.00
Ashley	Ashley Public Library District	\$14,448.00
Astoria	Astoria Public Library District	\$22,850.00
Aurora	Aurora Public Library District	\$22,288.00
Beach Park	Beach Park CCSD 3	\$125,000.00
Benld	Frank Bertetti Benld Public Library	\$6,660.00
Berwyn	Berwyn Public Library	\$22,820.00
Bethalto	Bethalto Public Library District	\$25,000.00
Biggsville	Henderson County Public Library District	\$24,873.00
Bloomington	Bloomington Public Library	\$11,248.00
Blue Island	Blue Island Public Library	\$20,500.00
Bradley	Bradley Public Library District	\$17,174.00
Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill CUD 8	\$23,149.00
Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill Public Library District	\$8,500.00
Burbank	Burbank School District 111	\$50,000.00
Burbank	Prairie Trails Public Library District	\$16,209.00
Carbondale	Giant City CCSD 130	\$9,243.00
Carrier Mills	Carrier Mills-Stonefort Public Library District	\$19,940.00
Cartersville	Anne West Lindsey District Library	\$24,863.00
Casey	Casey Township Library	\$11,446.00
Caseyville	Caseyville Public Library District	\$23,500.00
Catlin	Catlin Public Library District	\$14,783.00
Centralia	Centralia Regional Library District	\$14,303.00
Champaign	University of Illinois	\$24,686.00
Champaign	University of Illinois	\$25,000.00
Charleston	Eastern Illinois University	\$50,000.00
Chatham	Chatham Area Public Library District	\$11,911.00
Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley Public Library District	\$18,327.00
Chester	Chester Public Library	\$8,175.00
Chicago	Meadville Lombard Theological School	\$5,700.00
Chicago	Loyola University of Chicago	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Illinois Institute of Technology	\$24,695.00
Chicago	Leather Archives and Museum	\$14,500.00
Chicago	Newberry Library	\$24,525.00
Chicago	City of Chicago School District 299	\$500,000.00
Chicago	Chicago Public Library	\$1,014,926.00
Chicago	Cook County Law Library	\$9,645.00
Chicago	Chicago State University	\$49,500.00
Chicago	Pacific College of Health and Science	\$9,956.00
Chicago Heights	Flossmoor Elementary School District 161	\$16,857.00

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Chillicothe	Chillicothe Public Library District	\$25,000.00
Clifton	Central Citizens' Library District	\$12,549.00
Clinton	Vespasian Warner Public Library District	\$13,916.00
Coal City	Coal City Public Library District	\$5,500.00
Coal Valley	Robert R. Jones Public Library District	\$24,889.00
Collinsville	Mississippi Valley Library District	\$25,000.00
Columbia	Columbia Public Library	\$11,795.00
Creve Coeur	Creve Coeur Public Library District	\$12,000.00
Danvers	Danvers Township Library	\$5,675.00
Deerfield	Trinity International University	\$21,340.00
DeLand	DeLand-Weldon Community Unit School District 57	\$15,000.00
Des Plaines	Des Plaines Public Library	\$19,748.00
Dixon	Sauk Valley Community College	\$23,508.00
Dixon	Dixon Public Library	\$12,013.00
Donovan	Donovan Community Unit School District 3	\$24,650.00
Downers Grove	Downers Grove Public Library	\$29,650.00
DuQuoin	DuQuoin Public Library	\$10,520.00
East Peoria	Fondulac Public Library District	\$8,450.00
East Saint Louis	East Saint Louis Public Library	\$30,000.00
Edwardsville	Illinois Heartland Library System	\$25,000.00
Effingham	Effingham Public Library	\$19,422.00
Elburn	Town and Country Public Library District	\$19,647.00
Eldorado	Eldorado Memorial Public Library District	\$22,303.00
Elgin	Gail Borden Public Library District	\$25,187.00
Elmwood Park	Elmwood Park Public Library	\$29,940.00
Eureka	Eureka Public Library District	\$12,437.00
Evanston	Evanston Public Library	\$24,500.00
Evergreen Park	Evergreen Park Public Library	\$9,615.00
Fairview Heights	Fairview Heights Public Library	\$24,150.00
Farmington	Farmington Area Library District	\$8,800.00
Flora	Flora Public Library	\$13,429.00
Forsyth	Maroa-Forsyth CUSD 2	\$21,830.00
Freeport	Freeport Public Library	\$13,400.00
Fulton	Schmaling Memorial Public Library District	\$6,364.00
Galesburg	Galesburg Public Library	\$22,000.00
Galva	Galva CUSD 224	\$25,000.00
Geneseo	Geneseo Public Library District	\$19,441.00
Germantown	Germantown Public Library District	\$6,410.00
Gibson City	Moyer District Library	\$11,346.00
Glenview	Glenview Community Consolidated School District 34	\$24,000.00
Glenview	Glenview Public Library	\$25,000.00
Golconda	Pope County CUSD 1	\$29,917.00
Granite City	Six Mile Regional Library District	\$50,000.00
Grayville	Groff Memorial Library	\$6,500.00

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Greenup	Greenup Township Public Library	\$25,000.00
Greenville	Greenville Public Library	\$21,543.00
Gurnee	Woodland CCSD 50	\$16,325.00
Harvard	Harvard Diggins Library	\$8,654.00
Highland	Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library	\$25,000.00
Highland Park	Highland Park Public Library	\$24,000.00
Highwood	Highwood Public Library	\$50,000.00
Hinckley	Hinckley Public Library District	\$7,645.00
Hodgkins	Hodgkins Public Library District	\$30,000.00
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$50,000.00
Huntley	Huntley Area Public Library District	\$49,089.00
Jacksonville	Illinois School for the Visually Impaired	\$29,950.00
Jerseyville	Jerseyville Public Library	\$6,820.00
Johnsburg	Johnsburg Public Library District	\$24,980.00
Kaneville	Kaneville Public Library District	\$20,082.00
Kankakee	Limestone Township Library District	\$24,820.00
Kewanee	Kewanee Public Library District	\$10,281.00
Kinmundy	Kinmundy Public Library	\$7,490.00
LaSalle	LaSalle Public Library	\$19,000.00
Lemont	Lemont Public Library District	\$24,984.00
Libertyville	Cook Memorial Public Library District	\$5,289.00
Lincoln	Lincoln Christian University	\$13,792.00
Lincolnwood	Lincolnwood Public Library District	\$24,400.00
Lisle	Benedictine University	\$9,775.00
Lombard	Lombard Elementary School District 44	\$128,476.00
Loves Park	North Suburban Public Library District	\$22,480.00
Macomb	Macomb CUSD 185	\$24,935.00
Macon	South Macon Public Library District	\$24,291.00
Malta	Malta Township Public Library	\$8,000.00
Manito	Midwest Central CUSD 191	\$70,976.00
Marion	Marion Carnegie Library	\$20,286.00
Marion	Marion CUSD 2	\$24,876.00
Marshall	Marshall Public Library	\$12,800.00
Maryville	Maryville Community Library District	\$11,739.00
Mascoutah	Mascoutah Public Library	\$6,922.00
Matteson	Matteson Area Public Library District	\$20,000.00
Mattoon	Mattoon Public Library	\$11,600.00
Maywood	Maywood Public Library District	\$18,689.00
Melrose Park	Melrose Park Public Library	\$9,000.00
Mendon	Four Star Public Library District	\$5,830.00
Mendota	Graves-Hume Public Library District	\$6,936.00
Midlothian	Midlothian Public Library	\$13,090.00
Millstadt	Millstadt Library	\$25,000.00
Mokena	Mokena Community Public Library District	\$15,450.00

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Morris	Morris Area Public Library District	\$5,328.00
Morton	Morton Public Library District	\$18,158.00
Mount Carmel	Mount Carmel Public Library	\$9,768.00
Mount Prospect	Mount Prospect Public Library	\$10,565.00
Mount Sterling	Brown County CUSD 1	\$10,000.00
Mount Zion	Mount Zion District Library	\$12,391.00
Murphysboro	Sallie Logan Public Library	\$6,000.00
New Athens	New Athens District Library	\$5,160.00
Nokomis	Nokomis Public Library	\$14,665.00
Normal	Normal Public Library	\$47,675.00
Normal	Illinois State University	\$17,816.00
North Riverside	North Riverside Public Library District	\$29,775.00
Northbrook	Northbrook Public Library	\$24,912.00
Northlake	Northlake Public Library District	\$14,232.00
Oak Brook	Butler School District 53	\$5,902.00
Oak Brook	Oak Brook Public Library	\$9,011.00
Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$22,000.00
O'Fallon	O'Fallon Township High School District 203	\$18,800.00
Ohio	Ohio Community SD 17	\$30,000.00
Ohio	Ohio Community High SD 505	\$28,150.00
Oreana	Argenta-Oreana Public Library District	\$38,067.00
Ottawa	Ottawa Township High SD 140	\$7,213.00
Palestine	Palestine Public Library District	\$9,500.00
Paris	Paris Carnegie Public Library	\$21,224.00
Petersburg	Petersburg Public Library	\$46,033.00
Pinckneyville	Pinckneyville Public Library	\$7,564.00
Polo	Polo Public Library District	\$9,500.00
Port Byron	River Valley District Library	\$15,200.00
Red Bud	Red Bud Public Library	\$14,900.00
Richton Park	Matteson School District 162	\$18,413.00
Richton Park	Southland College Prep Charter High School	\$16,475.00
River Grove	River Grove School District 85.5	\$25,000.00
Riverdale	Riverdale Public Library District	\$24,978.00
Rochester	Rochester Public Library District	\$22,399.00
Rock Falls	Rock Falls Township High School 301	\$14,200.00
Rock Falls	Rock Falls Public Library District	\$18,033.00
Rock Island	Rock Island Public Library	\$50,000.00
Rockford	Rockford Public Library	\$50,000.00
Romeoville	Lewis University	\$21,996.00
Roselle	Roselle Public Library District	\$13,279.00
Rushville	Rushville Public Library	\$29,570.00
Sauk Village	Community Consolidated Schools District 168	\$24,640.00
Schaumburg	Schaumburg Township District Library	\$18,229.00
Schiller Park	Schiller Park Public Library	\$5,960.00

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Sesser	Sesser Public Library	\$5,484.00
Shabbona	Indian Creek CUSD 425	\$66,316.00
Shorewood	Shorewood-Troy Public Library District	\$10,000.00
Smithton	Smithton Public Library District	\$6,559.00
Somonauk	Somonauk Public Library District	\$5,000.00
Sparta	Sparta Public Library	\$19,351.00
Spring Grove	Fox Lake School District 114	\$7,850.00
Spring Valley	Richard A. Mautino Memorial Library	\$10,530.00
Springfield	Lincoln Library	\$24,000.00
Staunton	Staunton Public Library	\$12,617.00
Steeleville	Steeleville Area Public Library District	\$6,000.00
Sterling	Sterling Public Library	\$25,000.00
Stickney	Stickney-Forest View Public Library District	\$13,700.00
Stickney	Stickney-Forest View Public Library District	\$24,960.00
Sugar Grove	Sugar Grove Public Library District	\$19,713.00
Taylorville	Taylorville Public Library	\$5,500.00
Thornton	Thornton Public Library	\$16,400.00
Tunnel Hill	New Simpson Hill School District 32	\$18,000.00
Vienna	Vienna Public School District 55	\$9,869.00
Vienna	Vienna Township HSD 13-3	\$17,766.00
Viola	Viola Public Library District	\$15,800.00
Walnut	Walnut Public Library District	\$25,000.00
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$21,860.00
Waterloo	Morrison-Talbott Library	\$26,000.00
Westchester	Westchester Public Library	\$14,785.00
Westmont	Westmont Unit School District 201	\$19,840.00
Wheaton	Wheaton Public Library	\$25,000.00
Williamsville	Williamsville Public Library and Museum	\$18,467.00
Wilmington	Wilmington Public Library District	\$5,450.00
Witt	Witt Township Memorial Library	\$5,000.00
Wood Dale	Wood Dale Public Library District	\$24,973.00
Woodridge	Woodridge Public Library	\$22,611.00
Wyanet	Raymond A Sapp Memorial Township Library	\$5,965.00
Yorkville	Yorkville Public Library	\$9,280.00
Zion	Zion-Benton Township High School District 126	\$15,144.00