



## GRANT PROGRAMS

The Secretary of State/Illinois State Library administers grants for library and literacy services, programs and initiatives. Grant programs provide access to ideas, resources and information through the efforts of Illinois' academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries, special libraries, regional library systems, library associations and consortia, literacy agencies and partnering workplaces.

Some of the grant programs are competitive, some are not competitive, and some are targeted to a specific need or project. Each program has its own application processes, criteria and deadlines. The authority for awarding grants is based on State and Federal Statutes and Rules, and subject to annual appropriations. Fiscal Year 2015 grant appropriations totaled more than \$83 million.

Program	Purpose	Audience	Timing	Examples
<b><u>Adult Literacy</u></b>	Provides basic adult literacy instruction to enhance reading, writing, math or English proficiency for the targeted program participants	Libraries and literacy providers, to serve Illinois residents who read below the ninth grade level or speak English below the intermediary level	Annual competitive application	<u>Guide to the Secretary of State's Literacy Effort</u>
<b><u>Talking Book &amp; Braille Service</u></b>	Supports the circulation of unabridged books in audio format and special equipment designed for ease of use by the print disabled	Illinois library systems, to serve Illinois residents who are print disabled	Annual non-competitive application	<u>Illinois Machine Sub-lending Agency</u>
<b><u>Illinois History: Digital Imaging</u></b>	Enables libraries to select, digitize and store images of historical and cultural value. Makes those images available on the <u>Illinois Digital Archives</u>	Illinois libraries with significant historical collections not available digitally	Annual competitive application	<u>Illinois Digital Archives</u>
<b><u>Illinois Veterans' Home Libraries</u></b>	Provides library services for residents of the Illinois Veterans' Homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy	Illinois Veterans' Homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy	Annual non-competitive application	<u>Illinois Veterans' Home Libraries</u> , see Vignettes
<b><u>Project Next Generation</u></b>	Encourages personal growth and educational development of at-risk students through the use of mentors, technology and group projects	Eligible Illinois libraries	Annual competitive application	<u>Project Next Generation</u> , see Vignettes
<b><u>Library System Area and Per Capita</u></b>	Supports library service to the ILLINET libraries through resource sharing	<u>RAILS, IHLS, Chicago Public Library System</u>	Annual non-competitive application	N/A
<b><u>Public Library Per Capita and Equalization</u></b>	Assists public libraries to improve and increase library services within their service areas	Eligible Illinois libraries	Annual non-competitive application	<u>List of FY2015 Recipients</u>
<b><u>Construction (Live &amp; Learn)</u></b>	Enables Illinois libraries to remodel for accessibility, to do new construction, add to or remodel existing buildings or complete a mini project	Eligible Illinois libraries	Annual non-competitive application	<u>Construction (Live &amp; Learn)</u> , see Vignettes
<b><u>School District Library Per Capita</u></b>	Provides more library books and materials for the students of public schools in Illinois	Eligible Illinois School District library agencies	Annual non-competitive application	<u>Program Impact</u>
<b><u>Special Projects: Technology</u></b>	Responds to library needs throughout the state	Targeted to grant offering	At need	<u>eRead Illinois Patron Driven Acquisitions Dream Grant</u>

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