

**Illinois State Library
FY2004 Library Services and Technology Act Grants**

Building Innovative Grants

Altamont	Altamont Public Library	\$11,399.00	This grant has enabled our library to better and more efficiently serve our patrons. We are now able to join our collection of 21,000 items to that of the other libraries in our library system, to enable our patrons to search and place holds on materials in 65 other libraries across the state. This grant has improved patron services, and has brought us up to date. We are thrilled to be able to offer to our patrons improved library services and to offer the sharing of our own collection through this grant.
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$45,500.00	The Public Library and High School have been working together to bring better library service to the community. By joining the Local Regional Library System's Automation Program (LLSAP) residents have access to almost 2 million items through a shared database of library holdings. Residents can access the database anytime and anywhere, view their own records and place their own holds. All that is needed is a computer with and Internet connection. Over an eight-month period, personnel from the Public Library will add the holdings of the high school and public library, almost 50,000 items, to this database.
Carterville	Shawnee Library System	\$73,210.00	Planning for a shared automation system in Southern Illinois allows Illinois citizens the benefit of a broader wealth of resources from more than 100 academic, public, school and special library collections. Through the thorough analysis of the current automation systems in use, specifications for an RFP for a new shared automation system are being developed. The ability to act on the evaluation and recommendations resulting from the

			RFP allows these libraries to provide a higher level of service to their communities.
Carterville	John A. Logan College	\$31,400.00	The library is promoting access and training in using United States Government Documents. These documents are available in print, microform and the Internet. Through presentations, pathfinders, bookmarks, posters, and media advertisements the library markets government documents to its patrons (students, faculty, staff, and the community). A website is available to provide access to on-line government resources. An on-line tutorial also is available to assist in using and finding government documents. The library is providing training sessions for educators for CPDU credits. A microform reader/printer/scanner has been purchased which will allow government documents on microform to be e-mailed to individuals off campus.
Centralia	Centralia Regional Library District	\$90,000.00	Upon request of leaders and educators, the library is offering services to residents of Hoyleton/Richview Townships (Washington County), Odin Township and unserved areas of Sandoval High School District (Marion/Clinton Counties). This grant is establishing branch libraries in Hoyleton and Odin for demonstration of services leading to a referendum in March, 2004 with the goal of annexing Hoyleton, Odin, Richview Townships and the rest of Sandoval High School District into Centralia Regional Library District. Residents of these areas are receiving the full compliment of nonresident library services offered at the existing four branches and the main Library.
Des Plaines	Des Plaines Public Library	\$31,122.00	"Slammin' Jammin' Poetry" invites local middle school and high school students to discover their own creativity and gain a deeper appreciation of poetry while they read, perform, and write poems. Guided by professional poets from Young Chicago Authors and A Child's Voice,

			participants meet weekly to read published poetry, write and perform their own pieces, and offer constructive criticism of each other's work. The project culminates with a jammin' poetry slam at the library and publication of the students' collected original poems.
East Dubuque	East Dubuque District Library	\$10,750.00	The library is offering a new Reader's Advisory service to its patrons. Staff will attend a workshop in helping fiction browsers choose materials they might like to view or read based on their personal tastes. Patrons are able to browse through Reader's Advisory reference material on their own or they may ask staff for assistance. Authors are scheduled to make appearances and book club has been established. New genres and formats have been added to the fiction collection. Read-a-like lists, an enhanced website and book displays will also assist in matching materials to library members.
Fulton	River Bend Community Unit District #2	\$10,000.00	The "Stay on Track with the LRC" project expands the Learning Resource Center's positive role through team-building programs and enrichment opportunities throughout the school year. The grant provides positive re-building of parental, student and staff partnerships within a school district faced with the re-organization and re-location of students due to budget reductions within the district
Hinsdale	Hinsdale Public Library	\$13,100.00	The Library's After-school Advantage program offers directed homework assistance. Working with Library staff and local schools, accredited teachers and paraprofessionals will be available to assist third through sixth graders, some of whom will be referred by their teachers, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00-7:00p.m. throughout the school year. ASA teachers will help students in specific learning areas, review skills and research strategies, and encourage use of library

			resources, referring students back to Library staff as needed. They will also be available to answer parents' questions and concerns. Students should take advantage of this great opportunity today!
Joliet	Joliet Public Library	\$84,825.00	This pilot project demonstrates Illinois Public Libraries as leaders in the preparation for community crisis. Illinois libraries are dynamic community information providers and as such are convening community conferences on disaster preparedness. These community conferences bring together local governments, police departments, fire departments, emergency response teams, school districts, and others to discuss the role of each in the event of a community crisis. These libraries are also developing the means to: provide education to other community organizations on preparedness issues; continue the flow of information before, during and after a crisis; prepare disaster plan for internal crisis and plans for being essential in the event of community crisis; advocate the benefits and services provided by libraries; increase the visibility and value of libraries; lead community efforts; and be proactive.
Kankakee	Limestone Township Library	\$25,000.00	The Homeschool Resource Connection is a circulating collection of juvenile books in historical fiction and non-fiction, non-fiction videos, multimedia aides, foreign language materials, curriculum and activity resource books, and educational equipment that meets the unique educational needs of home school families and increases the knowledge of home school students as well as the community. This program targets both the home school educator and the home school student. The collections are complemented by programs that target home school families including library orientations, computer classes, and a science fair. Additional services provided are on-

			line resource guides, pathfinders, and booklists.
Kankakee	Limestone Township Library	\$24,147.00	Three area libraries have noticed a lack of young adults using the library. Get Graphic@Your Library is a program that combines collections and programs to get the young adult population back into the library and interested in reading. The collections include anime, manga, and graphic novels while the programming focuses on drawing and anime viewings. Get Graphic@Your Library has the potential to turn around the dismal young adult interest in reading and the library.
Lisle	Morton Arboretum	\$66,150.00	More than 4,500 artworks from the Rare Print Collection will be searchable online through the System Wide Automated Network (SWAN) of the Suburban Library System of Illinois and on OCLC's WorldCat. The works include original paintings and drawings as well as engravings, etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, and wood engravings by some of the world's finest botanical artists. These works demonstrate the variety of art techniques used by artists from the 15th century to modern times. The works are accessible by Keywords and Library Congress subject headings.
Manteno	Manteno Public Library District	\$29,600.00	Bookin' Around Town is an outreach program for seniors with limited transportation, home-bound individuals and commuters. We have established a rotating collection of large print books, audio books and tape/cd players, for our local senior community centers and the Illinois Veteran's Home. Residents, who have a long commute to work, have also benefited from this new program.
Mattoon	Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	\$30,036.00	School librarians and counselors from 18 schools receive training and materials on child bereavement. A half-day workshop explains different reactions children may have to death, depending on their chronological age and developmental level. School libraries receive annotated

			<p>bibliographies and learn to select age-appropriate reading materials for grieving children. Each school receives 10 sample memory bags and grant funds to develop seed collections for child bereavement. In-service training at each of four school districts allows administrators, teachers and other school personnel to better understand and identify child bereavement and utilize relevant library and community resources. Ongoing support helps school counselors incorporate bibliotherapy into teen grief support groups.</p>
Murphysboro	Sallie Logan Public Library	\$19,000.00	<p>The Library is partnering with local agencies and groups to better serve the sportsmen in the Murphysboro area. Programs at the Library cover topics such as fly tying, safety in the outdoors, orienteering and help for volunteer coaches. Checkout the resources at the Library and learn how to catch a bigger bass, improve your team's RBI stats, identify migratory birds on the wing or learn to read a compass. Sports related books, videos, DVDs and audiotapes are available for checkout at the Library.</p>
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$12,640.00	<p>Technology Access for Families (T.A.F.F.) provides computer and job seeking classes for socio-economically struggling families, concurrent activities for children, and space for families to work together to access the Internet, productivity software, and multimedia information resources with a sense of confidence enjoyed by those who have these resources at home. Families can work together to create a resume, complete an online course, or help a child with a school project while a younger child who cannot be left at home is occupied with books, educational videos, or snuggles in a beanbag.</p>
Peoria	OSF Saint Francis Medical Center	\$55,624.00	<p>This proposal will position the Library to help design and implement a new patient education process for the future, focused on providing educational materials that are</p>

			current, approved, multi-lingual, in a variety of formats, and, most importantly, are available online for easy access. If successful, this project will enable the Library to play a key role in this new process by using a library resource - the online catalog - in an innovative manner by creating a patient education repository combining print materials in PDF format with approved online resources, while introducing new technology - the use of a Tablet PC for multimedia interactive patient tutorials.
Rockford	Rockford Public Library	\$53,250.00	A Financial Opportunity Center provides 150,000 patrons with crucial information on personal financial management and career planning. This information is especially important to patrons during the current economic downturn. The unique program utilizes local business and financial leaders as volunteers to lend their time and talent in mentoring small groups affiliated with the Center. This allows the Center to offer patrons not only books on financial management but also first-hand advice from successful community members. The Library is a community forum for discussions of financial education and career planning.
Wadsworth	Millburn Community Consolidated School District 24	\$35,450.00	When Stories Sing is a partnership between the school library and the music department. Brain research shows the benefit of the arts on student learning. Storytelling programs for students and families are developed to integrate music and song into stories. Storytelling workshops provide professional development opportunities for teachers and librarians. Programs showcasing When Stories Sing are scheduled for the school and public libraries. Materials on storytelling and all storytelling program components are available through interlibrary loan.
Wheeling	North Suburban Library	\$19,781.00	TRAINING BY THE NUMBERS provides convenient

	System		cataloging training for the librarians of the North Suburban Library System. Multiple classes in basic and advanced cataloging, as well as OCLC and OCLC conversion, invites and encourages system library members to participate in a statewide resource catalog, providing quality uniform information access for their patrons.
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The Value of Libraries

Bensenville	Bensenville Community Public Library District	\$39,450.00	<p>"My Home, My Place: Creative Learning in Our Community" demonstrates a partnership between the public library and the children's museum to create an interactive, museum-quality exhibit area that will inform, inspire and delight young children and their families. The project enables families to experience the opportunities of the children's museum without the transportation or cost barriers. The exhibits, based on themes that reflect memories and reflections of "home", provide the kind of open-ended process that truly stimulates children's creativity and problem solving abilities, and helps parents better understand the indispensable role of "play" in children's learning. The new area at the library is part of a project that includes Family Programs based on other museum exhibits and activities. All preschool aged children and their families are invited to participate in "My Home, My Place."</p>
Crete	Crete Public Library District	\$45,000.00	<p>"A Day Without Libraries" will collect and collate data which reflects the extent and diversity of library services provided on a given day within the Chicago South Suburban region. The data will be disseminated widely, to state, regional and local government agencies and to other pertinent entities, and will also be posted on the home page of the local regional library system, Suburban Library System, for use in future planning for the area. A specific day, designated as Community Awareness Day, will feature the release of all of this information at one time. Fourteen south suburban libraries have committed to</p>

			participate and contribute to "A Day Without Libraries."
Kankakee	Kankakee Community College	\$6,616.00	The college library has conducted an evaluation of its collection to ascertain if it accurately reflects the increasing cultural and ethnic diversity of the student body it serves. As a result of this review, materials intended for use by both the faculty and students have been selected for addition to the collection. This activity will enhance both curriculum content and the classroom experience.
Mt Zion	Mount Zion Public Library District	\$28,000.00	READ WITH ME! MACON COUNTY is a parent/child book discussion group held at the public libraries in Macon County for Intermediate grade students and their parents. All participants are reading the same book and gathering at their local library for a book discussion led by the librarian. A copy of the book is provided to each participant through the grant. The author's appearance at a county-wide program will bring all the communities together to celebrate reading as they discuss the book with the author.
Norridge	Ridgewood Community High School District #234	\$9,975.00	This grant gives participants a chance to experience reading, both silently and aloud, as a pleasurable activity and helps to improve reading skills to all levels. Poet authors work closely with students who will carry their newfound skills home. Students receive books for their personal libraries. Families will be invited to attend a poetry reading. The year long project promotes the excitement of reading throughout our community.
Peru	Peru Public Library	\$10,097.00	An intensive mentoring program for area librarians that will develop and strengthen a support network and empower them to better serve their communities. Through a series of programs on a wide varieties of topics, experts will be brought to the area and conduct the continuing education workshops. In addition, the librarians will develop a mentoring partnership relationship with colleagues that

			provide them with additional resources in serving their patrons.
Rock Island	Augustana College	\$34,457.00	Building Bridges: Mentoring Program of the Upper Mississippi Valley Digital Image Archives will train employees from organizations in the greater Quad Cities area to digitize and fully catalog historic photographs using high-level standards. The organizations working together on this project include an academic library, three public libraries, a museum, and a volunteer-run historical society. The photographs, mostly glass plate negatives, depict the history and culture of life in communities along the Mississippi River. These images and catalog records will be available in a searchable database accessible to Illinois residents and the general public via the Internet.
Taylorville	Taylorville Public Library	\$44,350.00	"Early Childhood Anchors: Empowering Librarians for Leadership" reaches 90 librarians and professional colleagues working in Illinois communities with high teen pregnancy rates. This project brings Baby TALK Advanced Practice training to those trained through LSTA funds in 1999 and includes basic training to new professionals. Librarians receive developmental information, curricula and methodology to enable them to provide leadership to parents and other community partners. Other training topics include practical application issues of engaging very young children in libraries, serving teen parent families, and working with child care providers to enhance literacy experiences of young children in their care.
Winnetka	Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District	\$10,853.00	This project joins generations of readers in two adjacent communities, to promote reading through shared experiences of programs, book discussions, and talks by acclaimed authors on thematically linked adult and children's books. Simultaneous events are scheduled for

			<p>businesses, private homes and the library. The library is training community discussion leaders and creating a discussion tool kit. Program success is enhanced by partnering with a senior center, a local book retailer and local chambers of commerce. These partnerships cultivate new library users and create a culture of reading and discussion by expanding on a successful and established book discussion program.</p>
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Digital Imaging

Arthur	Arthur Public Library District	\$10,000.00	The Arthur Public Library District will use LSTA FY2004 Digital Imaging Grant funds to copy the photographic history of Arthur, IL to archival quality CD's. The project "An Early Image of Arthur, IL" will make a wealth of historic information currently in private collections available to everyone. The library will be working with private individuals, the local historical group, the contract photographer, and the local Internet service provider, which is our school district, to coordinate preservation and retrieval of these collections in electronic format. This is a collection of unique materials of interest to local and state historians and the general public. This collection will be available at the library from high quality CD's or on the Internet.
Barrington	Barrington Public Library District	\$10,000.00	A public library is requesting funds to digitize early years of the local newspaper through a Digital Imaging grant. The library receives many requests from local patrons and from across the country and internationally for genealogical information. A great amount of historical data is found in the local newspaper. The library proposes to digitize existing rolls of microfilm to make the historical local newspaper available in a format everyone can easily access.
Chicago	DePaul University	\$5,403.00	The Wanda Harold Architectural Photographs digitization project includes 200 images of late 19th to early 20th century historic residential, commercial and religious buildings located in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. The photographs were taken by sociologist Wanda Harold

			<p>in 2000 as part of a Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative. A variety of architectural styles including Italianate, Richardsonian Romanesque and Queen Anne are documented in the collection and are included in the Dublin Core metadata in each record. The images will be publicly available through the Illinois Digital Archives and the library website. LSTA grant funding supports in part the project's hardware, software, training programs and part time staffing.</p>
DeKalb	Northern Illinois University	\$10,000.00	<p>This project scans, marks up, and presents archival materials pertaining to the history of DeKalb County, Illinois in searchable, online databases. Selected project materials include 2500 pages of manuscripts to be transcribed, proofread, marked up in HTML and loaded into databases. They also include 1000 photographs to be similarly processed. The project provides patrons accustomed to working in the library with expanded access to these materials. It also expands the potential audience for the materials to include out-of-town users, school children, and individuals in poor health or otherwise indisposed to travel to the library.</p>
Frankfort	Frankfort Public Library District	\$9,948.00	<p>The "Frankford News", a monthly community newspaper, published by volunteers for 23 years is now available to the public through the Library's Web site and the Illinois Digital Archives' database. Each issue has been digitally scanned as both images and searchable text. Until now not easily accessible; this unique snapshot of life from 1973 to 1996 is a valuable new resource for local historians, genealogists, and high school students doing local history assignments.</p>
Macomb	Macomb Public Library District	\$10,000.00	<p>A cost-effective means of digitizing primary source material is needed in the state and national library communities. The Statewide Archival technology (SWAT)</p>

			<p>Team project is an activity of the Macomb Public Library District to digitize primary source material identified in the FY2002 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Grant application. The intent of the project is to have a SWAT Team come into a public library to digitize primary source material held by public libraries whose staff may not have the time or personnel to pursue a digital imaging project. The images will be posted on the Illinois Digital Archives (IDA), which is designed to be the electronic repository of the Illinois State Library's digital collections, as well as the digitized collection of other libraries and cultural institutions in the state. The SWAT project will contribute to IDA by digitizing cultural and historical materials held in the public libraries in Springfield, Macomb, Mount Olive, Stockton and Golconda</p>
Rockford	Rockford Public Library	\$10,000.00	<p>The Rockford Public Library is partnering with the North Suburban Library System to create an online local history for Northern Illinois. Along with partner Tinker Swiss Cottage, Midway Village and Museum Center, Rockford College and the Rockford Ethnic Heritage Museum, the Rockford Public Library is digitizing portions of its local history library called Digital Past (www.DigitalPast.org). This partnership will create a shared history resource immediately relevant to library patrons in five northern Illinois counties encompassing a population of 2,178,418 people. The figure is 17.5% of Illinois's population.</p>
Skokie	Skokie Public Library	\$6,577.00	<p>The Skokie Fire Department History Project proposes to digitize 600-800 items related to the development of fire and emergency services in Skokie, Illinois. The collection includes photographs of some 350 firefighters, photographs of each of the six fire stations, photographs and descriptions of all of the fire engines and ambulances that the department has owned, a treasury book from</p>

			1899-1938, a 1926 contract, with specifications, to buy a fire engine from the Ahrens-Fox Fire Engine Company, a training video, and two taped oral histories.
Sparta	Sparta Public Library	\$9,000.00	The William Hayes Collection contains approximately two hundred letters written to William Hayes between 1820-1860 and is the only extant transcript of his trial in 1844. "Borders v. Hayes" eventually reached the Illinois State Supreme Court. Though numerous letters contain information about daily life, many of them document Hayes's activities in the Underground Railroad, as does the record of his 1844 trial in Perry County. Because the work of the Underground Railroad was against the law, documents of this type are rare. Most "members" left no written records of their activities. A descendent of William Hayes owns the Collection but has given permission to have them digitized and placed on the World Wide Web.
Springfield	Lincoln Library	\$10,000.00	"Buried with Lincoln" enhances both the preservation of and access to the oldest interment records at one of the most important cemeteries in the United States-Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. This project captures high-quality color microfilm images of each folio of the first interment record book (1858-1876) and produces digital images from the color microfilm. A database containing the details of each interment facilitates searching for particular records. The Illinois Digital Archives at the Illinois State Library makes the images of these records, linked to a searchable index, available to library users through the Internet.
Springfield	University of Illinois at Springfield	\$10,000.00	This Library Technology and Services Grant for Digital Imaging makes transcribed memoirs from one of Illinois' largest oral history collections more easily accessible to researchers and the general public. These oral history memoirs preserve the memories of a wide array of people

			including coal miners, members of various ethnic communities, state legislators and politicians, farm families, WWII prisoners of war, and many others. The collection, digitized and made available on the World Wide Web, is a vital record of life in Illinois in the past century, and preserves for the future the human stories of many individuals whose experiences would not otherwise be recorded.
Wauconda	Lake County Discovery Museum	\$9,770.00	Postcards views of Illinois, the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi River from the Detroit Publishing Company (1893-1932) will soon be available online. These 1,900 images will be scanned and cataloged for easy searching. The Detroit Publishing Company is known for their beautifully printed postcards, which are among the finest examples of early twentieth century imagery. The images will reside on the Illinois Digital Archives as well as Digital Past, and the postcard images will be used in an online exhibit.

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Opportunity Knocks Once More

Alsip	Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District	\$3,000.00	Hands-on training in basic computer and Internet skills is now available at your local library, funded by the Opportunity Knocks Once More Grant from the State of Illinois. Our "Bridge to Knowledge" program gives residents the opportunity to take a four-hour class taught by a computer instructor from Prairie State College. Participants will review the use of a computer and mouse, and will learn to navigate websites and e-mail. The class will be offered 6 times, with a limit of 15 students in each session. Don't miss this chance to become comfortable with computers and knowledgeable about the Internet!
Belleville	Belleville Public Library	\$4,899.00	The "Listen and Learn" lecture series informs the public, encourages discussion, and raises awareness of the library as a community resource. Lectures engage patrons by focusing on local interests and current events. Patrons continue learning through exploring the library's expanding audio book collection. Diverse audiences benefit doubly by identifying the public library as an educational anchor and by enjoying a greater variety and depth of materials there.
Berwyn	Berwyn Public Library	\$1,500.00	The Go Wild! Program provides the skills and knowledge necessary to encourage patrons in forming a relationship with nature in a fun and creative way, by assisting them in transforming their own backyards into wildlife refuges that will provide foods, water and shelter to native species of Illinois. With some careful and thoughtful planning and little expense, patrons will enjoy the beauty of their backyards for years to come as well as the knowledge that

			they are doing their part to protect the natural habitats of native species and foster a deeper respect of the environment.
Bradley	Bradley Public Library District	\$4,900.00	The essence of project Teen View is to create and promote community involvement within our teen community. The project's objective is to have local teens venture into the community and record, with a camcorder, areas of interest that relate to themselves and their peers. This footage will then be edited for local broadcasting. This endeavor hopefully will promote a sense of creativity and accomplishment within our young adult population. In turn, Teen View will undoubtedly create a newly inspired interest in the library and how libraries can and should be a hub of community interest and activity.
Byron	Byron Public Library District	\$3,500.00	This project provides programming for children and adult patrons of this library district while providing valuable training for staff in area public and school libraries. The sharing of storytelling materials purchased will give many libraries the ability to offer storytelling programs to their patrons.
Cahokia	Cahokia Public Library District	\$4,900.00	The library provides a year-long series of 24 programs for adults on a variety of topics chosen to empower and inspire participants. Empowerment Plus makes use of the services of community professionals to engage, educate, and stimulate citizens to learn about such important life-skills as job seeking, health and nutrition, money management, parenting and family relationships, leisure-time activities, and grooming. A collection of relevant, recently published books, periodicals, audio CDs, videos and software supports the Empowerment Plus program. Library staff actively promote and publicize the programs and collections.
Centralia	Centralia Regional	\$4,900.00	The "Born to Bloom" Infant Literacy Project is designed to

	Library District		help parents of newborns recognize the need to read to their infants, encourages them to begin reading soon after birth, and invites them to explore how the library can assist them in developing fun-filled and enjoyable reading habits with their children. Upon leaving the hospital, parents of newborns will receive a gift certificate which will enable them to receive a literacy gift bag from the Library. Items in the bag include books, a library brochure explaining the program and the importance of reading to infants, a list of infant appropriate books, a growth chart and a library card application.
Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley Public Library District	\$4,273.00	The Cherry Valley District Library offers a daytime and an evening adult book discussion group called New Connections. The purpose of the project is to reach out to adult patrons and make a connection through the pleasures of reading and sharing of ideas. Book group members connect with books, other participants, and library staff to form new insights about themselves, their community, and their world through the discussion of popular literature at the public library.
Crystal Lake	Crystal Lake Public Library	\$3,751.00	Have you ever been afraid of a strange place? Then you know how a second grader feels on that first trip to the library. The 2nd Grade Library Express Project brings all the service area second graders into the local public library to help ease these fears. Story times and a "train trip" through the children's department with stops at the different areas will make the children want to return for more fun and learning at the library. The children can return with their parents to get their own library card and begin a lifetime of learning at the library.
Des Plaines	Des Plaines Public Library	\$4,895.00	Many local residents are unaware of the machines, software and services the library offers for blind and visually impaired persons. To observe "Save Your Vision

			<p>Month" in March 2004, the library is presenting programs and demonstrations about sight-related topics, including a "Vision Fair." The library also is introducing its new collection of descriptive videos and DVDs. In addition, the library is planning to use this project as a model for future programming on health-related topics.</p>
Elburn	Town and Country Public Library District	\$4,900.00	<p>The Library is launching a writers group for fledgling and established writers aged 18 and over for a discussion of their craft, sharing information on writing and getting published, and listening to presentations by experienced authors from all genres. The group will meet monthly at the library and refreshments will be served. Major Illinois and nationally recognized authors will be invited to speak, thanks to a grant from LSTA.</p>
Elgin	Elgin Community Unit School District U46	\$4,900.00	<p>Our elementary school library is extending use and expanding services three days a week by offering a before school peer tutoring program. Using a positive experience, working in pairs under teacher guidance, students are increasing reading skills and learning the importance of reading. Among other activities, students are reading to each other, enjoying reading games on the computer and checking out more books.</p>
Elgin	Elgin Community Unit School District U46	\$4,900.00	<p>A new library program has been instituted at a K-6 elementary school. The program called, "Early Morning Library Time", will permit children who arrive at school early to come into the library. Children may browse for books, read, check books out, or do homework. Qualified staff will be available to help students find books, use reference material, or complete homework assignments. Computers will be available for those who want to access the Internet or use one of the many school provided databases. The Library will open at 7:15 am and children may stay until school opens at 8:00 am.</p>

Gurnee	Warren-Newport Public Library District	\$2,970.00	Get FIT @ Your Library is an online tutorial designed to teach young adults to find and evaluate the best information on the Internet. Students are encouraged to participate through creative sports themes and a competitive format where they can earn prizes for successful participation.
Harvard	Harvard Diggins Library	\$4,300.00	For the past ten years, the library has been open the minimum (48hrs.), an acceptable service level for a community of this size. The goal of "A new day at the library" proposal is to increase the usage of the library by 10%. This will be accomplished by adding five hours of public service on a day that the library has traditionally been closed. The library will now be open from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays from September, 2003 through May, 2004. This increase in hours of accessibility will enhance the library's position as an educational anchor in the community.
Highland Park	Highland Park Public Library	\$2,300.00	Continue the Connection is a series of teen programs created to maintain student's library use as they enter high school. We believe the library's connection with children should grow as they do. The series features a Teen Read Week writing contest and poetry slam plus cartooning and scriptwriting workshops. Artwork and videotapes created by teens will promote next year's Teen Read Week. Continue the Connection expands earlier outreach efforts to teens while fostering continued collaboration between the library, the school district, local business, and city agencies.
Hinckley	Squaw Grove Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The library is starting a pre-teen book discussion group. The group will meet once each month beginning in January 2004. This program provides some positive time for pre-teens to be able to discuss books, learn more about others and themselves, and find out that they are

			comfortable in the library. We hope they will continue to use the library through their teen years and will develop a love for books and libraries.
Hinsdale	Hinsdale Township High School District #86	\$3,100.00	In coordination with a school-wide character education initiative, our library is planning a program to support reading and discussion between students and parents. Using a collection of short stories purchased from the Great Book Foundation, teen and parents will read stories with character education themes. The library staff will host discussion nights. Discussions will be lead by staff from the Greater Book Foundation and will serve as training sessions for library staff, so the program can be continued in future years. This program will increase library services by creating a forum for discussion as well as promote teen and adult reading.
Hinsdale	Hinsdale Township High School District #86	\$2,900.00	The Library Media Center has been awarded a LSTA grant which gives students and staff the opportunity to make use of all services and equipment in the LMC for additional hours. Wednesdays, from 4 pm to 7 pm, the LMC will be open for research, computer use and book selection, as well as individualized assistance in these areas. One of the library media specialists will be available during this time to offer professional expertise.
Homer	Homer Community Library	\$2,112.00	The library is implementing a new program for the children in the community, ages 3-6 and 7-10. This program will be built around stories and story related activities. Monthly sessions will be held October through May from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings, the first and second weeks of the month. Weekly sessions will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday during June and July. Incentives will be offered to encourage individual reading.
Ina	Rend Lake College	\$4,900.00	Agriculture is important to our existence, from the food we eat to the clothing we wear. It is important for us to offer

			agricultural related programs and up to date materials that support Agriculture programs, a population that sometimes gets overlooked. Southern Illinois, where our population resides, has a rich agricultural history, as it is one of the largest industries in this area. Because of this, the library will purchase agricultural related materials and present programs that can bring agriculture, past and present, to life for younger and older generations.
Ina	Rend Lake College	\$4,680.00	While the library currently offers patrons extended hours at the circulation desk, reference services are only available during business hours (8:00 - 4:00). Many patrons are unable to access reference services at these times. The "Expanding Reference Services" program will extend reference library hours to accommodate patrons with inflexible schedules, which currently prevent them from utilizing reference services.
Itasca	Itasca Community Library	\$1,545.00	The grant was awarded for Family Reading Night related activities for the month of November. Professional storytellers, reading-related games and activities, and a family reading incentive program are some of the highlights of this "Family Reading Month".
Lake Zurich	Ela Area Public Library District	\$4,900.00	We are providing a fun, hands-on introduction to the book and paper arts by offering workshops and lectures to the community on papermaking, calligraphy, scrap booking, woodblock printmaking, the creation of picture books, and the history of the book. Participants are writing, designing, assembling, and decorating their own books. These books are treasured objects which reflect individuals' identities. This book arts program, "A Book of One's Own," increases the community's appreciation for books and ensures a book-loving public for decades to come.
Murphysboro	Murphysboro CUSD #186	\$4,900.00	The school library is updating it's biography section. New books and video materials are being purchased to replace

			books that are out of date or in poor repair. Consideration is also being given to both historical and contemporary persons. The intent of this improvement is to help students in researching and writing reports for their biography units. Speakers are also being brought in for special presentations. The presenters are portraying historical and/or contemporary figures and/or presenting information about historical events. The aim of these presentations is to motivate students to have more interest in learning about the lives of other people.
Nashville	Nashville Public Library	\$1,225.00	Our small Southern Illinois library will hold a puppetry performance for children. We will also purchase puppets and children's puppetry books. By presenting this program to the children in the community, the library seeks to reach the youth, who represent the future users of the library. The children's puppetry production provides an educational and entertaining program for children, while also promoting recognition of the library not only as a place for recreational reading, but also as an educational institution within the community.
Newman	Newman Township Library	\$4,900.00	The goal of the Commuter Services project is to provide new library hours, services and programs to area residents who commute between one to two hours per day. These commuters make up 49% of the working population of adults between the ages of 20 and 65. Township residents were surveyed to determine their needs and wants from the library. Based on the survey results, new evening and weekend hours will be established, new services and program will be implemented, and new materials will be purchased to equalize their access to information and entertainment.
Palos Heights	Palos Heights Public Library	\$4,900.00	This grant is being written to address the growing needs of our aging population. The recent census reveals that 39%

			of our population is over the age of 55. This grant will make providing homebound service to those individuals who need it a more structured activity. We will also be targeting individuals who are homebound due to a temporary or permanent illness. This project will help us achieve our mission statement of 'reaching out to all members of the community.'
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$4,900.00	The non-partisan "Road to the White House" program examines the candidates, presidential history, and other aspects of the electoral process, in a monthly series running through June 2004. This project focuses on voter awareness and participation, with a special emphasis on Election Day turnout of younger voters in the communities served by the library. A combination of video presentations and group interaction is offered along with a variety of guest speakers and lecturers to foster interest in our greatest national privilege.
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$4,900.00	"Trading-Up Spaces" is a series of seminars and hands-on workshops on home improvement, resale, and building. Presenters include a design professional who has been featured on HGTV, a professional faux painter, and local contractors and architects. Programs include: PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SALE; UNDERSTANDING YOUR DECORATING STYLE; HOME PAINTING TECHNIQUES; BUILDING YOUR DREAM HOME; and more. Learn from these professionals how to make your home more comfortable, functional, and attractive or how to make it sell. Ready to build your dream house? Let professionals show you how! "Trading-Up Spaces" is a fun, fact-filled way to learn. Current print and non-print materials are available to checkout.
Peotone	Peotone Public Library District	\$4,814.00	Teenagers perceive libraries as old fashioned, Victorian institutions that are out of touch with modern times. Teens

			<p>feel a library is unable to relate to teen issues and tastes. This project is designed to change those perceptions. Through this project, teens will discover a library can be fun and interesting. They will realize the library can be a place to expand their creative abilities and express their artistic aptitudes. Due to this project, teens will gain a sense of belonging and the knowledge the library is waiting for them with open arms.</p>
Springfield	Lincoln Library	\$3,015.00	<p>Bits 'n Bytes combines brown bag lunches and computer topics. Based on Lincoln Library's population base, it can be assumed that over half of our community grew up without a computer at home. Bits 'n Bytes is a fun way to help with their quest for more computer knowledge. Experts from the community or library staff will present eight technology-related topics.</p>
Tinley Park	Community Consolidated School District #146	\$2,870.00	<p>With funds provided by an LSTA grant, an elementary school is now able to provide an after-school program targeting its 'at-risk' population through the school media center. The 'Story time Chefs' program is designed to impact 'at-risk' school children, from 3 to 8 years of age. Through this program, 'at-risk' children participate in literature appreciation activities, which are tied to simple nutritious recipes that children prepare themselves. By cooperating with other children and practicing social, cognitive, and language skills, each child boosts his or her self-esteem and recognizes the act of reading as a fun and rewarding experience, ultimately resulting in the desire to become an independent reader and lifelong learner.</p>
University Park	Governors State University	\$4,900.00	<p>The library seeks to plan and host a regional conference for librarians, students, faculty and administrators to address library-supported scholarship, copyright and intellectual property in the virtual environment. The project expands beyond the local community to include</p>

			<p>participants from community colleges, private colleges and public universities in the region. The conference stands out among other typical copyright workshop offering as it proposes to bring scholars, administrators, librarians and students together to address important issues which affect scholarship and the pursuit of learning. The conference gives participants tools for evaluating local institutional policies and procedures and best practices for managing copyright and intellectual property.</p>
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$3,300.00	<p>"Create a Teen Scene", a program implemented by a rural library district in central Illinois, caters to teen interests. With the goal of increasing teenage library usage, the program advertises by visiting high school classes and distributing posters and flyers. Utilizing advice from the library's teen advisory board and teen surveys, the library will design programs for teens on topics that interest them. It is the library's hope that as a result of this program, teens will remain active in the library well into their adult years.</p>
Zion	Zion-Benton Township High School District 126	\$4,000.00	<p>This project focuses on building after school programs for students in the school library. Each month a thematic presentation with guest speakers will highlight library materials that will help students ensure their health and success. By bringing presenters to the school library after school and creating access for all students to the presentations, we will increase the number of students who view the school library as a viable resource and increase the number of students who check out quality materials from the school library.</p>

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Back to Books, The 3 R's

Alsip	Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District	\$3,000.00	These are tough times for job seekers. More people are out of work, and for longer. Help is at the library! At their public library's Career Center, people looking for jobs will find the latest books on how to conduct a successful job search in today's tight market, and how to cope with the challenges of this life change. Knowledgeable librarians are here to help you. The library serves a critical need for its patrons coping with job loss.
Alsip	Alsip-Merrionette Park Library District	\$2,500.00	You have asked, and we now have the answer. Books for both children and adults in Polish, Spanish and Arabic languages are available for checkout at your library! These special materials include classics and popular, original works in the authors' native languages. This special collection of both fiction and non-fiction reading may be checked out for two weeks with a valid library card.
Ashland	Ashland Public Library District	\$1,800.00	Audio books have been in existence for over 50 years. Twenty percent of the public has not heard an audio book. This grant is an alternative way to put literature and the pleasure of reading into the lives of children with the emphasis on the emerging reader, the second-grader. This grant will purchase children's audio books, use the second grade as the target audience and supply programming in the form of "Reader's Theater" to publicize the grant project. This grant will develop the idea of reading as an adventure to readers and will continue to invite them to read and use the library.
Ashley	Ashley Community Consolidated School	\$1,900.00	The 3 Rs are coming to a school near you! The 3 Rs in this case happen to reading, research, and reference.

	District #15		Utilizing funds from an Illinois State Library grant, our social studies curriculum will be infused with new, non-fiction and resource materials. Non-fiction books are highlighted because they contain factual information that can supplement the curriculum and provide another way to encourage reading. Also, they may present a way to encourage boys to read. Studies show that boys tend to want to read factual rather than fictional materials. The new reference materials support all grade and curriculum levels.
Atwood	Atwood-Hammond Public Library District	\$3,000.00	Through statistics and customer requests, the library recognizes the need to provide commuters with a base collection of books on compact disc. Local access to a variety of genres and authors at the library provides educational, personal and entertaining materials to commuters in order to turn their journey to work into a more pleasant and productive experience.
Auburn	Auburn CUD #10	\$2,278.00	The library has targeted increased recreational reading of male high school students by adding a graphic novel collection to the library. The collection is selected and promoted by an all-male student advisory group, led by the high school librarian. The librarian is promoting the new collection with book talks in all English classes and by producing a brochure for school personnel and school board members. This project will not only increase high school boys' recreational reading, but also will establish important connections with a currently underserved community, i.e., high school boys, as well as increase the library's visibility.
Augusta	Greater West Central Public Library District	\$2,877.00	Many parents are choosing to educate their children at home. The library district is adding a special section of books to the branch library called "Home Education Tools". Educators will have available titles concerning the hows,

			<p>whys and ways to home school. The students will see fiction and non-fiction books for all reading levels. An open house will be held to introduce the project. A second workshop will allow adults and teens to share insights to the books they have read. There will also be scientific craft sessions for elementary age kids at the second workshop.</p>
Aurora	Aurora West Community Unit School District #129	\$2,746.00	<p>"May I Take Your Order, Please?" specifically addresses high school teachers who plan library research units and ultimately students who depend on adequate and appropriate materials for success. Teachers are asked to suggest topics or to recommend materials for purchase with the goal of increasing collegiality, teacher monitoring of professional literature and inspiring other colleagues to participate in library research units. The library seeks to extend new materials by scanning covers for displays, having shelf display cards, and book cover transparencies for book talks. Ultimate winners are students who have choices and updates resources in research units.</p>
Barrington	Barrington Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>A public library requests funds to purchase and enhance their collection of large print books and audio books targeted at young school-age children between Kindergarten and third grade who are learning disabled and/or visually impaired. Materials will be available to teachers of these students, students, and families. The program, called "From Listening to Reading: large print and audio books for young students," aims to assist local teachers, students, and families and provide resources for learning disabled and/or visually impaired students. When used together, audio books and large print books can promote vocabulary building, improve enunciation, and help struggling readers make connections between sounds of words and their spelling.</p>

Belleville	Southwestern Illinois College	\$3,000.00	The Practiced Eye: Women in the Arts program provides a broad spectrum of print library material on female artists and art works and artistic endeavors by women in the visual arts, the performing arts, and music. The collection supports the specific needs of a newly-created Southwestern Illinois College Women in the Arts Class and related college courses. Material is shared throughout the library system and Illinois library community. Library activities and programs and public relations efforts highlight the collection.
Bellwood	Bellwood Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library was awarded a grant to purchase a small collection of high-interest, low-reading-level books. The local middle school library, the community college's adult literacy program, and the public library will share the collection. It is our hope that this experiment will encourage all three agencies to work more closely together to combat poverty and illiteracy in our community.
Bensenville	Bensenville Community Public Library District	\$2,500.00	To meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population, this project provides materials for the more than 15,000 Polish speaking residents of the area. Materials include Polish translations of popular English-language novels, books, music cd's, and Videos/DVD on history, government, social science, geography, business and popular culture.
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Public Library will be home to a collection of materials exclusively devoted to teaching homeschoolers. Grade and subject specific books for use in teaching grades K-12, will be available for checkout. With more families educating their children at home, the Library wants to have resources available to assist families in this endeavor.
Benton	Benton Public Library District	\$2,500.00	Everything you've always wanted to know about job searching can soon be found at the Public Library with an A-Z Resources for the Job Seeker book collection. Books

			on career choices, how to write a resume, how to start a home business, and much more, will all be available at the library. Classes on how to prepare a resume will also be held every week during the month of January.
Blue Mound	Meridian CUSD 15	\$3,000.00	The library will purchase books to support a new research assignment requiring materials to provide information on the literary and social climate of the time when the work was written. The new materials will also provide students with critical analysis of the work, and biographical information on the life of the author.
Bourbonnais	Bourbonnais Public Library District	\$3,000.00	Books to go! Bourbonnais Public Library is pleased to present the Road Scholars program to expand our services to commuters. Recognizing that many community residents spend a good deal of time on the road each day, the library will be expanding current audio book offerings to include new titles - in CD format. Make the most of your time and your mind - listen to great literature while you travel to and from work. Jump into a good audio book today - at your local library.
Breese	Mater Dei High School	\$3,000.00	The library has expanded its collection covering countries of the world to include up-to-date titles on almost every country in the world. Global studies classes, as well as other classes, will be using these books to complete assignments. Class usage of the library, collaboration between the librarian and other teachers and circulation, will increase as a result of the expanded collection.
Breese	Central Community High School District #71	\$3,000.00	High school books and graphic novels are being added to the library collection in order to entice students to read more books. In addition, a reading incentive program is being implemented to further motivate students to increase reading pursuits. Professional books on reading activities and methodology are also being added to the collection so that teachers and the librarian have current print resources

			to consult, in order to research and implement new and innovative strategies for the teaching of reading. The ultimate goal for all these activities is increased student achievement in reading.
Bridgeview	Bridgeview Public Library	\$1,000.00	With the assistance of a grant, our library was able to dramatically increase the materials we have available for our ever-growing Arabic speaking community. New materials include books, audiocassettes, music CDs as well as videos in both DVD and VHS formats in Arabic for both adults and children.
Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library has been the recipient of a Back to Books Grant from the Illinois State Library. The grant is being used for fiction, nonfiction and reference books for 3rd and 4th graders.
Bushnell	Bushnell-Prairie City CUSD #170	\$1,200.00	Special Books for Special Needs addresses the goal of including special needs students as regular library patrons. Library staff will purchase wordless books, large print books and audio books to accommodate the growing number of early childhood and elementary special needs students. This project will provide the understanding that reading is important and the library has a variety of books that everyone can successfully use for enjoyment and improvement of language and reading skills.
Bushnell	Bushnell Public Library District	\$1,800.00	The "Resources Mean Jobs" grant will provide funds to upgrade the Reference Collection, particularly in the area of College/Career and job seeking resources. The collection has been evaluated and weeded and is ready for new materials to be added. Because of the high unemployment and the low-income levels of the library's service area, this grant is especially necessary to provide people with access to materials that can help them improve their opportunities for education and employment.
Byron	Byron Public Library	\$2,525.00	This project provides graphic novels and popular series

	District		<p>paperbacks to teenage reluctant readers. The current young adult collection is small and minimally utilized by teens. Having these additional types of materials enhances the selection, especially for the reluctant reader. The library can also promote the graphic novels to adult readers with lower reading levels and to literacy students. In-house publicity and promotion as well as extensive publicity and promotion with the local school system and literacy council are integral parts of this project.</p>
Campbell Hill	Trico CUSD #176	\$2,580.00	<p>Our senior English curriculum is changing to incorporate more meaningful experience with British Literature. Students will research information on the Dark and Middle Ages, Chaucer and his tales and careers of these people of this time, Shakespeare and his plays and the careers of the people of his time, and what contemporary British poets and short story authors have to say about people and their careers. To be able to adequately pursue this information, we need to provide to the students materials on these topics; so that the students can give oral performances, write newspaper front pages, short stories, tales and other written pieces.</p>
Campbell Hill	Trico CUSD #176	\$2,920.00	<p>The Social Studies Department covers from 6th through 12th grade students. The main change in the curriculum of this department is to bring the student scores up to Illinois standards. To do this more emphasis needs to be placed in geography, early American History and social issues. Grant monies are needed to update and expand our Social Studies collection which is only 15% of the total collection.</p>
Carlyle	Case-Halstead Public Library	\$3,000.00	<p>The library is happy to announce the addition of large print books and unabridged audio books. For persons with vision problems, large print books give them the opportunity to read with less eyestrain. Audio books are a</p>

			perfect solution for those persons with severe eye problems. Audio books are also great for the 58% of Carlyle's population who have a long commute to their jobs each day.
Carthage	Carthage Public Library District	\$3,000.00	In this increasingly mobile society, the "Read While You Drive" project meets a need of the growing number of commuters. Grant funding will provide a collection of audio books, especially frequently requested books on CD. Although the public relations campaign will target commuters, this project will benefit all of the library's patrons.
Caseyville	Caseyville Public Library District	\$3,000.00	We are striving to attract middle and high school students to the library services we provide. We plan to purchase library material (books, magazines, etc.) that is appropriate for the target group's reading level. We have conducted an in-house survey of users in this group, to see what types of materials they would like to see added to the collection. Various titles and topics were gathered through the survey. A shopping list continues to grow, while searching through catalogs and through on-line vendors. We are budgeting carefully to be able to acquire as many items as possible.
Caseyville	Caseyville Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The library currently owns 433 large print books. Because of the high circulation of those books, 5,543 during the past fiscal year and after looking at the statistics from the 2000 census which show that, 53% of those 65 and over, have some form of disability and from our in-house survey showing that, 82% of that same age group prefer large print, we applied for and received a grant from the Illinois State Library to purchase more large print books. We also participate with 15 area libraries in a rotating large, print collection project.
Centralia	Centralia Regional	\$2,900.00	The library will purchase a core collection of ESL/Literacy

	Library District		materials to encourage literacy students to read. The collection is geared to adults, but on the reading levels that are needed for those learning to read and those learning English as a Second Language.
Chadwick	Chadwick Public Library District	\$2,900.00	The library is now able to provide its patrons with a wide variety of books dealing with the theme, "Families in Turmoil." Readers ranging from the youngest beginning readers to adults looking for answers to some of life's most trying situations will have a chance to gain new insights from the additions to the library's collection.
Champaign	Champaign Community Unit 4 Schools	\$3,000.00	"The ABCs for 4th and 5th grade students: Achievement, Books and Curriculum." is a program to improve library resources in curricular areas such as Illinois history, inventors and inventions, studied by students in these grades. By purchasing materials in these areas, the school hopes to improve the academic achievement of at-risk students.
Champaign	Champaign Public Library	\$3,000.00	This project reaches out to teenagers - an age group that doesn't tend to read for pleasure or use the public library. Recognizing the popularity of graphic novels among this age group, the project strives to get teens into the library by building a collection of graphic novels and publicizing it through book talks in high school classroom.
Champaign	Champaign Public Library	\$2,700.00	This grant project targets first grade emergent readers, especially African-Americans. The program brings book talk, storytelling, and interactive literature-based programming directly into school libraries and elementary school classrooms. Through this project, emergent readers will have access to a wider range of materials, receive incentives for visiting their public library, examine new library materials in their own classrooms and enjoy poems, stories and books that celebrate African-American culture. A cooperative effort between the Library and the

			Unit School system provides school bus transportation to the Library for students that are most academically at risk.
Champaign	Champaign Public Library	\$3,000.00	This grant project brings an old format to a new audience. The library's large print book collection has been expanded and is being promoted to two groups that have not traditionally been users of this format: new adult readers and students who struggle with reading. Literacy tutors and teachers are consulted about book selection and made aware of these library resources. Traditional low vision users of large print materials benefit from a larger collection of these books at their public library.
Champaign	Champaign Public Library	\$3,000.00	This project is an effort to reach a relatively new and growing segment of the community: people who come from Mexico, Guatemala and other Spanish-speaking countries in search of work and a better life for their children. It demonstrates to non-English speaking newcomers that the public library has resources they can use, despite the language barrier. By providing books and programs in Spanish, the public library helps Latinos families establish themselves and gain a foothold in the community as they learn to speak and read English.
Charleston	Eastern Illinois University	\$3,000.00	A collection of graphic novels including works of fiction, nonfiction, adaptations, satire, bibliographies and collected criticism has been developed in response to increasing curricula and scholarly interest on campus. Graphic novels are currently viewed by educators and scholars as an alternative format for providing content, and as social history reflecting politics, economics, and popular culture. The collection of approximately 200 volumes is located in the library's atrium near other popular reading collections.
Chicago	Chicago Public Library	\$150,000.00	The library has always had small collections of large print materials at scattered branches around the city, but now the library has 33 branches with collections of current

			fiction and nonfiction large print books. Patrons of all ages, especially older patrons, commuters and patrons who have trouble reading English are listening to audio books, and now are asking for the CD format. By establishing approximately up to 40 branches distributed geographically around the city with large collections of current books on cd, more patrons will be served.
Chicago	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	\$3,000.00	Teacher training is of the utmost importance to the future of the State of Illinois. As innovative new curriculum is introduced in our Teacher Certification Program, students and faculty in the program are expressing a need for greater breadth and depth of information in wide-ranging subject areas related to contemporary thought on learning, teaching and education. The library is committed to designing collections and services to meet this evolving need by purchasing books and outreach activities relevant to teacher training.
Chicago	Cooking & Hospitality Institute	\$2,000.00	The goal of this project is to purchase a core collection of Restaurant Management books for the school's new major. While the library has some restaurant management materials now, the new major will have additional classes and additional students to serve. Research will be conducted using library holdings from schools with Restaurant Management degrees. Current faculty and staff will also be consulted for their input into the new collection.
Chicago	VanderCook College of Music	\$793.00	"Empowering Illinois Teachers" seeks to improve the basic skills of teacher candidates by providing library resources and a program to utilize these resources. The library's institution has determined that 25% of its teacher candidates need to improve their basic skills in order to pass Illinois teacher certification tests. The library will build a core collection of basic skills resources and

			implement a peer-tutoring program and book discussion group to encourage the use of these resources. The goal is to have our teacher candidates score higher on their certification exams and become stronger teachers in Illinois.
Chicago	Wilbur Wright College	\$3,000.00	The Library's exciting new program is the result of a certificate alliance with Wright College and the FBI Training Program. Many Chicago Police, community members, and our criminal justice students will benefit from the recent addition of current and updated resources in the area of Computer Security and Forensic Investigation.
Chicago	Wilbur Wright College	\$3,000.00	The Great Books Program is a nationally recognized academic course of study bringing the ideas of great philosophers, writers and scholars to the students, faculty, and community of Chicago. In the coming year, a television town hall meeting and various events at the Humanities Festival will focus on the value of this academic program to our city college. The 3 r's Grant will allow our library to purchase new materials that inspire our patrons to explore new interpretations of old ideas and to apply them to the modern world.
Chicago Heights	Prairie State College	\$3,000.00	Reading is Developmental is a program for which the library purchased fiction books for multi-ethnic low-income adult readers. The books purchased will emphasize women and non-American authors in order to broaden the collection.
Chicago Ridge	Chicago Ridge Public Library	\$3,000.00	"Audio Books: Reaching a Mobile Workforce" is a program designed to support literacy for commuters. As a public service institution, the library serves to meet the needs of all its patrons. Audio books can relieve the stress of commuting; provide a jump-start to the day, or a wind-down for the journey home. Today people who lead hectic

			lives that require them to accomplish several things at once are using audio books. They are enjoying the benefits of popping in a CD, cassette, or listening to a digital audio file on an MP3. The library's enlarged audio book collection serves as a new service to an increasing patron base.
Cisco	Willow Branch Township Library	\$2,500.00	The library is focusing on two important populations in our community; working mothers and seniors. We are starting a collection of books on CD for those working mothers that have no spare time except for commuting to and from work. The library is also adding a collection of large print books. This will serve the older generation of patrons that are having trouble reading the print on regular books.
Clay City	Clay City CUSD #10	\$3,000.00	The Back to Books Bunch is a group of junior high age students who have abandoned reading. By joining the program these students receive choice, recognition and privilege. They choose books or audio books to be added to the library collection based on what they would like to read. Their books selection opinions are recognized as valuable and their names are placed in the books. They are also included in a privileged group that has special library access, personal attention of the librarian and is allowed to add pages to the school web site.
Cortland	Cortland Community Library	\$2,700.00	Are you facing a tough choice? Do you need help deciding what to do? The library is the place to seek stories about people of character and the consequences of their decisions. Everyone faces decisions involving right and wrong. At your library you can find stories and biographies about the famous and not so famous who have dealt with critical choices. Come check out our new collection for elementary and middle school students. You can find the book for your biography assignment. You may find a role model for your life. It is your choice.

Cortland	Cortland Community Library	\$3,000.00	Daily commutes are boring and your new vehicle only has a CD player, so your collection of books on tape is useless. Look to your library for solutions as we have doubled our collection of CD audio books. Come in a get our checklist of new titles. Keep the list handy to mark off titles you enjoy. Call to order your selection for your next checkout. Keep up with the hot new books. Even if you have no time to read, you can always listen.
Cortland	Cortland Community Library	\$2,700.00	Hey first graders, isn't learning to read exciting! Come to the library to check out our new collection of books selcted just for you. These books have the words you learned in school today along with fun pictures and interesting stories. Your parents are invited to a special program about learning to read. We hope they can attend and find out how to help you with this important new learning experience.
Coulterville	Coulterville USD #1	\$3,000.00	For science students searching for information, accuracy is essential in the books used. Imagine conducting science research in a library with no books published after 1983. The "Science Rescue" program provides for the purchase of recently published science books in a variety of fields. The new books selected by the science teachers and the librarian allow students to find accurate information immediately without a two-week wait for books to arrive from the regional library system. To introduce the new books to the students, a promotional program includes locally printed flyers and bookmarks and a presentation given by the school's librarian.
Dekalb	DeKalb Public Library	\$2,975.00	Since Graphic novels are particularly popular with teen readers, they act as an incentive for teens to read for pleasure and to utilize their local library. According to research, increased reading for pleasure in teens aids in higher literacy levels. The library has added graphic

			novels to its collection in order to offer teens materials they enjoy. In addition, the library will host a series of discussions groups for teens in order to complement their reading efforts, allow them to influence the library's graphic novel collection, and promote critical thinking skills.
Des Plaines	East Maine School District #63	\$2,700.00	What do El Nino, plate tectonics, and global warming have in common? None of these science topics were addressed in detail in science books for the school library just five to ten years ago. "Connecting with Science" will bring science books to the school library that reflects current school curriculum aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards.
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Des Plaines	UOP Research Center	\$3,000.00	Our library is building a basic collection of reference books and related current materials focusing on hydrogen energy and hydrogen as fuels. These resources will be used by scientists who will lead research and spark innovation focused on the hydrogen economy and its' place in the U.S. and world energy future. Our new hydrogen energy research collection will provide them with pertinent information upon which to base their analyses, and a base upon which to build further research.
Dwight	Dwight Common SD #232	\$2,870.00	The first grade library patrons made up of teachers and students need books at various reading levels to supplement their curriculum, which meets the Illinois Learning Standards. First graders read at levels from Pre-K to 3rd grade by their second semester. These students need subject and interest level appropriate reading materials to improve their reading as well as to excite them to read. The teachers check out these printed resources during their units, and students check them out through the school media center before and after the units. Such

			additional resources engage first graders into the enjoyment of reading to help them become lifelong learners.
East Alton	East Alton Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The youth in our library district are pleasantly surprised because they will have their chance "Go Graphic". The library has created a section within the existing youth center to house its new graphic novel collection. The new collection will hold such classic titles as "Spider-man", "the Hulk" and "Batman". Yet the collection will also hold such titles as this summers hit graphic title "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen", and such award winning titles as Neil Gaiman's acclaimed "Sandman" series.
East Alton	East Alton Public Library District	\$2,870.00	Third graders in our library district are finding out that sometimes "Good Books Do Grow on Trees." The library has acquired a new tree-shaped bookshelf that is being used to house the newly created chapter book collection, which was purchased with an LSTA Grant from the Illinois State Library. The "Chapter Book Tree" is the place to go to look for all kinds of old friends, like Junie B. Jones, Arthur, and the Bailey School Kids, and many new friends, too, all at a reading level just right for third graders.
East Dubuque	East Dubuque District Library	\$3,000.00	"Books on CD for Busy Commuters" is a project that will give our patrons the opportunity to read or in this case "listen" to fiction titles checked out from our library while they are commuting. A new books on CD collection and an outreach program to promote the materials will be developed. Custom designed air-fresheners and posters placed around town in automobile related businesses such as car washes, car insurances offices and service stations, will give people traveling in their cars exposure to and awareness of our new collection.
East Moline	United Twp High School District #30	\$1,200.00	Our high school library will develop, purchase, and enhance our collection of graphic novels. This new

			collection will help promote reading to all of our students, but especially to our target audience of reluctant readers or students who have demonstrated reading problems as determined by our most recent school report card and standardized tests. We are going to promote our graphic novels collection and its development during Teen Read Week and throughout the month of October with guest speakers and a variety of promotional items from t-shirts to book marks. Teens who read - succeed.
East Moline	United Twp High School District #30	\$3,000.00	High School students reading Dr. Seuss or George and Martha for homework assignments as well as just for fun! Picture Books R Us at our high school library. The high school library is developing a children's book collection to assist students in a wide variety of course work from the Area Career Center's vocational Child Care classes to speech classes and more. Students are learning that "kid books" just aren't for really little kids anymore. These fun and colorful picture books are great reading for everybody. Students are learning to appreciate the beautiful artwork and meanings behind the words that may have passed them by as children.
East Peoria	Fondulac Public Library District	\$2,665.00	This project provides a core collection of information to guide people making career or job changes. A variety of topics addresses skills previously not expected of the manufacturing workforce. As the resource center of the community, the library is the only place that offers education and information to everyone without charge. Having these resources provided by the library lessens the stigma of needing to make a career change. The library is becoming the catalyst for a rebuilding of self-esteem by diverse peoples who are normally not regular patrons. Programs, workshops, brochures, booklists and extensive promotion accompany the project.

Edwardsville	Edwardsville Public Library	\$2,000.00	Our "Back to Books" grant is designed to build an ESL (English as a Second Language) Resource Collection for the growing number of Asian and Hispanic residents in our area. The components of the collection are books and audiotapes to assist ESL learners with reading comprehension, written and verbal communication skills, pronunciation, and listening strategies; resources and study guides for the U.S. citizenship test and TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam; and, some fiction in Chinese and Spanish. We plan to collaborate with the local history program to identify users and to promote the collection.
Effingham	Helen Matthes Library	\$3,000.00	"Ready Reference @ Your Library," allows for the purchase of nonfiction books in the literature, social science, and related fields. The books form a new circulating reference collection designed to supplement the library's aging reference materials. These books will aid high school and college students in their school research projects. Because the library has had to limit the number of hours it is open, the books are available for checkout. This allows students more access to reference materials.
Elgin	Elgin Community Unit School District U46	\$3,000.00	The students will be better prepared for the information age through books purchased by the 2004 LSTA Grant. The purchase of the book, Information Literacy Toolkit for Kindergarten-Sixth Grade by Steph Capra has given the library a powerful model to integrate state standards into curriculum planning. The LSTA funds of \$3000 have provided the means to meet the instructional information needs, therefore teaching library skills with the collaboration and support of the staff. The LSTA funds provided the materials needed for the teachers and librarian to facilitate the change from textbook based learning to trade books found in the library.

Elkville	Elverado CUSD #196	\$2,915.00	The library at _____ High School is a busier place these days, thanks to a grant made available through the Library Services and Technology Act. There is now a greater selection of young adult fiction, classics, and reference materials. English teachers at _____ and their students were given the opportunity to help select many of the books that were purchased. These books will give students a wider variety of quality choices for reading and will also provide much-needed references for research projects.
Elmwood Park	Elmwood Park Public Library	\$3,000.00	We are proud to announce that the library has been awarded an LSTA grant (Library Services and Technology Act) by the Illinois State Library. With this grant money the library has purchased over one hundred graphic novels in order to begin a new graphic novel collection in the Young Adult Department. Library patrons have been requesting graphic novels for several years, and the library is happy to finally be able to meet its patron's requests. This new graphic novel collection is now available for all children, young adults and adults to enjoy.
Evergreen Park	Evergreen Park Community High School District #231	\$1,100.00	Low Level/High Interest books and audio books are what the Back to Books grant has made possible for local students. We are now able to offer books that are at a lower reading level but have a high interest and in an audio format to encourage students who are reluctant readers and/or have a difficult time with reading comprehension. Cassette players are also being purchased to encourage reading and listening in the privacy of a person's home. We look forward to seeing the non-readers "reading" once again.
Fairfield	Fairfield CHSD #225	\$3,000.00	Title I students and the rest of the student body are Reading to Succeed this month in a special library promotion focusing on reading for fun. Students are

			getting caught reading by teachers and being entered into drawings for fun and exciting prizes at the library. Cool new library materials like audio books, graphic novels, and young adult fiction books are circulating like mad as our students Read to Succeed !
Farmington	Farmington Area Library District	\$2,950.00	This grant provides funding for a collection of audio books on cassette and CD. It's not surprising that many library customers have been requesting audio books. The 2000 U.S. Census found that 30% of area adults commute to work. Audio books are a perfect way to pass the time on daily commutes. The new collection of audio books will be ready for circulation and available at the library within four weeks.
Flora	Flora Public Library	\$3,000.00	This 2004 LSTA Back to Books Grant will be used to purchase special literature kits (Lit Kits). Kits contain a book with an accompanying audio version of the work packaged in a sturdy plastic case. Reading along, and listening to the words at the same time, helps users make the sound-symbol connection. New words and pronunciations are learned by seeing and hearing the word at the same time. Lit Kits are ideal for recreational use, strengthening reading skills and grade school or literacy students and teaching English as a Second language (ESL).
Forreston	Forreston Public Library	\$1,350.00	In an effort to serve the increasingly large number of patrons in our community that commute to and from work, seniors who are not able to read as well as they once did, and vacationing families, we will increase our collection of audio books on CD. While we do belong to a CO-OP that provides us with a rotating collection of audio books, those titles are primarily on cassette. With the advancement of technology, most households are requesting titles in CD format.

Frankfort	Frankfort Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Library has received a LSTA grant for the purpose of purchasing materials needed by students researching foreign countries. The Back to Books grant has enabled the Library to expand and update both reference and circulating stacks will be placed on a cart labeled "Country Research and World's Fair Mobile Reference Collection." Patrons now have current materials available for all who need them.
Fulton	River Bend Community Unit District #2	\$1,600.00	The "Back to Books: A New Approach Through Audio Books" project updates a collection of audio books for grades 2-5. The growing popularity and educational value of this type of media for new and emerging readers, reinforces the need for this type of collection which would support student curriculum need and provide recreational reading to students.
Fulton	River Bend Community Unit District #2	\$2,100.00	The "Back to Books: A New Approach Through Graphic Novels" project creates a core collection of graphic novels. This new format brings reluctant and non-readers into the library. The collection supports student curriculum needs and also provides recreational reading to students in grades 6-12.
Genoa	Genoa Public Library District	\$2,960.00	Six libraries in Northern Illinois, as a group, have purchased a new collection of books on CD to cooperatively circulate to over 5500 patrons who commute to work daily.
Gibson City	Moyer District Library	\$2,300.00	If you're tired of counting light poles, boring cell phone callers and corny radio D.J.s, stop by the library and check out "Have Tape - Will Travel"! We have expanded our books on tape collection to help ease the monotony of commuter blues in our community.
Godfrey	Lewis and Clark Community College	\$3,000.00	With receiving Back to Books grant funds we were able to update the 20th century history collection at Reid Memorial Library. The plan involved working closely with the social

			sciences faculty in identifying needed resources and assisting in curricula revisions that more fully integrated the library's material and services.
Godfrey	Lewis and Clark Community College	\$3,000.00	This grant program is the opportunity to further develop partnerships with faculty and develop a library instruction program around two specific academic courses: "introduction to Visual Arts" and "History of Art". In the instruction sessions in general, students learn concepts such as selecting a topic, using an index, evaluating information, searching in electronic resources, and citing sources in a formalized format all through the hands-on use of subject specific resources. This particular project corresponds with research assignments exploring the Renaissance through contemporary art periods.
Greenfield	Greenfield C.U.S.D. #10	\$3,000.00	The library is building up its collection of nonfiction and reference materials geared toward those used by the history classes of the high school. Of special interest is our biography collection needed for research and reports during the entire school year. The project's goal is to increase the number and quality of our biographies to reflect the lives of those who have influenced our world, especially in the last fifty to sixty years.
Gurnee	Warren-Newport Public Library District	\$2,735.00	Mother Goose had it right! Children learn about individual sounds by listening to nursery rhymes, poems, and songs that blend sounds into words. Understanding that words are made up of smaller sounds helps children break the code between written language and spoken language. This ability provides a Sounds and Stories Station with multiple sets of phonemic materials using rhyme, alliteration, assonance or other phoneme manipulation. A Morning with Mother Goose and a parent education program introduces this collection.
Hampton	Hampton School District	\$3,000.00	The library is overhauling a badly neglected collection and

	#29		truly positioning itself as the education anchor of our school community. The school library will have a new collection of current and relevant resources to support our curriculum. Starting now, our 3rd through 8th graders will be better prepared for their high school experience and beyond.
Hampton	Hampton School District #29	\$3,000.00	The future is now for our school library. Over the last two years, our school district has accomplished remodeling the library and automating circulation and the card catalog. Now, this Back to Books grant is allowing us to overhaul a badly neglected collection and truly position the library as the education anchor of our school community. Our entire school district is proud that our new school library will have the current and relevant resources to support our curriculum and will truly be an integral part of our student's educational experience. Starting now, our 3rd through 8th graders will be better prepared for their high school experience and beyond.
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Harrisburg	Southeastern Illinois College	\$3,000.00	Over a period of years our collection has become profoundly outdated and inappropriate in the sciences (500s & 600s). Due to a fundamental lack of expertise in

			the targeted subject areas and lack of enough funds to fulfill our goals, we have conceived the idea of holding a "garden party" in the library to entice the faculty with food and a desire to help us "weed" the collection. We will train them on how to discern which books may be weeded and then we will provide them with selection materials to guide them in choosing replacement materials for the collection.
Harvard	Harvard Diggins Library	\$3,000.00	The library has purchased a selection of audio books in downloadable digital formats and a number of compatible players for these formats. Audio book files will be preloaded onto the players as requested by patrons, then circulated with the player as a normal library item. Additional audio books in compact disc format have been acquired. All materials will be cataloged and promoted as a service especially created for commuters.
Harvard	Harvard CUSD #50	\$1,869.00	The library has a new Pentium 4 computer system. The new computer is being used to upgrade from the Pentium II computer now used to submit catalog records to the Northern Illinois Library System. These records make it possible to have accurate information regarding what materials are available in this and other libraries throughout Illinois and beyond. Patrons are receiving materials not currently owned by this library via interlibrary loan. The interlibrary loan process makes it possible to share materials with other libraries, thus maximizing the libraries' funds.
Harvard	Harvard CUSD #50	\$2,963.00	The library has a new collection of books focusing on the independent reading requirements of Junior and Senior English classes. These interesting and attractive books were suggested by English III and English IV teachers from recommended reading lists. The reading lists have been compiled by organizations such as the American Association of School Librarians, National Council of

			Teachers of English, and from reviews of School Library Journal. These choices ensure the selection of outstanding literature for our students.
Harvard	Harvard CUSD #50	\$2,963.00	The library has purchased new books for the independent reading requirements of our ESL English and Reading class students. These books are geared to the interest and reading levels of limited English proficient students in order to provide practice in the skill of reading English language materials. The goal of this project is to help improve the overall English reading skills of the limited English proficient students so that they may steadily progress in their overall learning.
Hennepin	Putnam County Public Library District	\$2,950.00	Reading skills are basic to all aspects of life. Young learners should have well-developed reading skills by second grade. Through second grade, students learn to read. After second grade, students read to learn. The "Learn to Read, Read to Learn" grant is an effort to provide adequate and appropriate reading materials to second graders to insure a successful start on the path of lifelong learning.
Herscher	Herscher CUSD #2	\$3,000.00	Primarily Nonfiction is a grant proposal to enhance the core collection of nonfiction books in our library. Students in grades Kindergarten to 3 are the target groups. These students have an insatiable curiosity for the world around them and are eager to learn. The library must meet the needs of the students by providing current, quality nonfiction books at a level for these beginning independent readers. Books added to the collection are in the areas of curricular support and general interest, including animals common to Illinois, biographies, sports and the fine arts.
Hillside	Hillside Public Library	\$3,000.00	The Back to Books grant project focuses on the purchase of small business development materials with emphases on daycare service, the restaurant business, import-export

			and consulting in addition to supplementary general business support materials. Local residents of this small community frequently seek materials to support business development that are beyond the scope of the library's annual budget. The grant project allows the library to partner with both the local Chamber of Commerce and the Village Hall to promote new library holding and ensure the public perception of the library as vital to the continued growth and financial strength of the community.
Hillside	Hillside Public Library	\$3,000.00	The Back to Books grant project requests funding to purchase materials covering a wide variety of vocational interests as well as support materials for finding and obtaining employment or a new career. Vocational materials must be kept current for timely information on career requirements, salaries and long-term outlook. Titles on employment for new immigrants, persons with special needs and re-careering in mid-life supplement an already strong collection. Promotion and marketing of these new acquisitions through the Chamber of Commerce and the Village Hall enhances portraying the library as vital to the economic stability of the community.
Hillside	Hillside Public Library	\$2,500.00	The Back to Books project focuses on reference and circulating materials covering animals and their natural habitats. Students from elementary school through high school and beyond can exhaust the library's current collection, and the acquisition of additional materials in this area ensures the public perception of the library as the cultural and educational center of the community. Promotion and marketing materials prepared by library staff alert teachers and patrons of the availability of new library resources.
Hillside	Hillside Public Library	\$1,800.00	The Back to Books grant project requests funding to purchase materials covering cultural celebrations and

			<p>rituals, countries and cultures, travel and languages to supplement the local collection. These additions enhance a collection created in part to support a unique village celebration of cultures from around the world funded through another LSTA grant. The award of this grant and the accompanying activities are the first steps in preparing for another library-hosted celebration. Promotion and marketing of these new acquisitions to local schools and residents enhances the perception of the library as the cultural and educational center of the community.</p>
Hinckley	Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD #429	\$2,175.00	<p>In an effort to improve student writing, the library has created a writing instruction that uses children's books as models for good writing. The use of these exemplars in the curriculum necessitates the addition of quality literature particularly in the area of nonfiction. This project provides our teachers and students with a wider array of titles from which to choose as they craft lessons that support improvement of student writing.</p>
Hoffman Estates	Alexian Brothers Medical Center	\$3,000.00	<p>The purpose of this Back to Books grant is to acquire psychiatric, medical and nursing texts for physicians, other clinicians, nurses, and students at a psychiatric facility that does not presently have these books. The texts are the educational anchor needed to provide quality care and educate students. This psychiatric facility serves Illinois citizens of all ages with a wide range of inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization services.</p>
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>Single-parent families have become more common than the traditional "nuclear family" consisting of a father, mother and child. Single parent families deal with many family challenges and potential problem areas, which include: custody problems; self-esteem issues; visitation stress; continuing conflict between parents; less quality time; school performance; peer relations; disruptions of</p>

			extended family relationships; and more. To best meet the needs of this changing demographic, the Library is expanding its' core collection of parenting material to include and provide support material appropriate for single parents and children who may be experiencing challenges.
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$2,800.00	The library will provide a new "family friendly" collection of books on tape to serve our seniors, commuters, youth, disabled, and families. Statistics show us the 87% of our residents drive to work alone, and other community activities provide large segments of "car time" appropriate for families to enjoy the entertainment of a recorded book together. Providing these resources comes as a result of soliciting focus group input from parents, seniors, and others and supports their desire for another way to enjoy a book for themselves and their family.
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$2,800.00	The recent census notes that 3% of our Township children age 5-14 are not enrolled in either public or private school. To support families that choose to home school their children, the Library is providing a rich and diverse collection of pertinent Parent/Teacher resources. Items in this collection are available to parents and teachers for checkout and include curriculum materials, literacy materials, textbooks, life skills books, career materials, reference materials, workbooks, and more. Providing these resources comes as a result of soliciting focus group input from parents and teachers to support youth in our community.
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Library has a collection of book sets available for use by new or existing book discussion groups in the community. Each set includes up to 25 copies of an excellent subject for discussion, and most sets include several large-print editions and a discussion guide. A list of book sets is available on the Library's website, or by

			contacting the Library.
Homer Glen	Homer Township Public Library District	\$3,000.00	To better serve the needs of the community members, the Library is acquiring a collection of identification and price guidebooks for a variety of antiques and collectibles. These books include general guides as well as books with very specialized coverage. Introductory manuals for beginning collectors are also part of this collection. Most of these books may be checked out by cardholders.
Ingleside	Big Hollow School District 38	\$2,618.00	First graders visit the learning center. Their eyes pop when they see the puppets purchased by the LSTA grant. Puppets and brand new books entice them to select an animal to study. Emergent readers choose books with ease because they are labeled. A first grader is sharing her book with her brown eyed grizzly bear. The teacher helps a student select a book about his pet iguana. They return to the classroom, puppet and book in hand, excited about learning. The first graders can not wait to start their reading and study puppets.
Irvington	Centralia Regional Library District	\$3,000.00	This program is designed to encourage reading among 4th through 8th graders. Materials being used are Accelerated Readers. Every child is not taking advantage of this opportunity for literacy, but those who are participating will enhance reading skills. Students are reading, taking tests and will be awarded prizes for their efforts. Participants are wearing special badges to show the effort they are making to be better readers!
Johnsburg	Johnsburg Public Library District	\$1,280.00	Due to an increase in the Hispanic population in the community, a basic English as a Second Language (ESL) collection for native Spanish speaking people will be established . The library will purchase books and audio books in both CD and tape format designed to help native Spanish speaking people learn the English language. These new ESL materials will provide a core collection of

			learning materials for this special population.
Johnsburg	Johnsburg Public Library District	\$2,815.00	A library's book budget pie is not cut into equal pieces. The wants and needs of the public must be considered and accordingly, some areas get bigger slices than others. In light of a recent evaluation of our collection for fourth through eighth grade readers, the library is adding new materials and replacing items that are old or in poor condition.
Johnsburg	Johnsburg CUSD #12	\$2,200.00	It is critical in today's society for students to be able to access, evaluate, use, and communicate information effectively. The library will purchase current, age appropriate reference materials to assist students as they develop their information literacy skills.
Johnsburg	Johnsburg Public Library District	\$2,156.00	With the recent addition of music CDs and DVDs to the library, young adults in our community are discovering our library. By creating a graphic novel collection we intend to draw more young adults, including reluctant readers, to our library. Young adults in the community were surveyed for their preferences. A core list of graphic novels composed of lists compiled by various organization and survey results will be purchased. To announce the new collection, we are notifying local schools, informing the public in our newsletter, and sending press releases to the local newspapers.
Kankakee	Limestone Township Library	\$3,000.00	The High School Researchers Find It @ the Library program establishes a core research collection for high school students that focuses on frequently requested research topics as well as literary criticism. The additional titles greatly increases the dept and breadth of research materials available to high school students. To promote the expanded collection, a brochure will be available that outlines the new resources as well as existing resources available at the public library. In addition, Library staff will

			visit high school classes that are assigned research projects to explain the collections and services available to them.
La Grange Park	LaGrange Park Public Library District	\$1,510.00	Over a period of years our collection has become profoundly outdated and inappropriate in the sciences. Due to a fundamental lack of expertise in the targeted subject areas and lack of enough funds to fulfill our goals, we have conceived the idea of holding a "Garden Part" in the library to entice the faculty with food and a desire to help us "weed" the collection. We will train them how to discern which books may be weeded and then we will provide them with selection materials to guide them in choosing replacement materials for the collection.
Lake Villa	Lake Villa Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Homeschooler Book Connection project is making a comprehensive selection of books on home schooling available at the public library. These books can be accessed many different ways including through an online search from home. Because they are cataloged in OCLC they are available to distant users too. The home schooling movement is growing and this collection is of interest to all kinds of people interested in home schooling.
Lake Zurich	Ela Area Public Library District	\$2,700.00	The Library is responding to growing community diversity with the development of World Language collections and cultural events to promote these collection. We are selecting, ordering, processing and making available collections of new materials in Hindi and Chinese languages. We are providing fun, family-oriented introduction to the Indian and Chinese cultures to promote these collections. "world Languages at the Library increases cultural tolerance and awareness in the community, and meet the needs for local collections for community members from Chinese and Indian cultural groups.

Lanark	Lanark Public Library	\$3,000.00	The newly acquired book collection called "Retirement with a Purpose" targets patrons that enjoy quilting, woodworking, gardening, consumer health and learning about historical tourist sites in the Illinois area. Newspaper announcements about showcase events at the library will feature these leisure time book collections as well as speakers and special displays. Studies show that retirees and senior citizens that continue to read, research, interact and be challenged have longer healthier retirement years.
Lanark	Lanark Public Library	\$2,400.00	"Audio Additions" offers more than 80 new titles in CD and cassette format for listening pleasure for commuters, walkers, workers and leisure listeners. The collection offers a wide variety of popular authors and genre so busy people can listen as they continue daily activities. The goals are that this audio collection will attract new library users and they will introduce their families to library services and attend library sponsored programs.
Leaf River	Bertolet Memorial Library District	\$3,000.00	Homeschoolers are identified as a non traditional group who use the library extensively. The library, the primary source of reference for homeschoolers, is providing support to them with the purchase of reading, research and reference books to enhance the education of parents and children alike. There is a broad range of lifestyles, beliefs, and ethnic backgrounds within the home schooling community. To adequately meet the various needs of homeschoolers is an ongoing challenge for our libraries.
Lexington	Lexington Public Library District	\$1,800.00	While examining data from the 2000 census, the library became aware of a trend in the district. The number of patrons who commute to work at least 15 minutes each way is on the increase. In an effort to serve this emerging population and other patrons, the library has purchased 75 new audio books. This collection consists of audios on a variety of subjects as well as popular fiction in both the CD

			and cassette tape format.
Lindenwood	Eswood CCSD #269	\$2,990.00	The need to be addressed by this proposal is the lack of science, social studies and Spanish books in the library. Currently there are only about 40 science books, 2002 social studies and 14 Spanish books in the 6,000-book stack. The library's goal is to enhance the reading, research and reference capabilities of the facility by purchasing science, social studies and Spanish books.
Loves Park	North Suburban Public Library District	\$3,000.00	Due to increased demand especially from commuters and teachers, this project consists of assessing the audio book collection, determining its strengths and weakness, weeding out the old and no longer used, and adding approximately 50 titles to the collection.
Loves Park	North Suburban Public Library District	\$3,000.00	This project consists of bringing a permanent large print collection to North Suburban Library/Roscoe. With a growing population of older residents there have been more request for larger print materials. In addition we plan to expand our homebound service to the residents of Roscoe Township.
Manhattan	Manhattan Public Library District	\$1,050.00	Keeping our aging population in the library requires rethinking ways to keep them interested. One way is to have a larger selection of large print materials on shelf to satisfy the needs of those who are apprehensive about the use of technology and those who like to browse. As this demographic increases, so will the need to increase our budget for materials for them to use. Serving our senior population is important for their well being and vital to the welfare of our community as a whole.
Manhattan	Manhattan Public Library District	\$450.00	Graphic Novel popularity is growing, and with a good outreach program to promote them, we believe that we can help to encourage the teens that are not regular library users in our district to enjoy reading. We are committed to continue to offer new and non-traditional formats to our

			teen patrons to give them the opportunity to see that the library has many more ways to enjoy reading than with traditional books.
Manhattan	Manhattan Public Library District	\$1,550.00	Dual income households are on the rise, creating a need for audio books for our commuters. Requests for these items are increasing and it is no longer feasible for us to request these items through inter-library loan. We must provide these items from our materials budget. We are on the edge of new technology where cassettes will soon be replaced by CD's. Receiving grant monies to purchase best seller titles on CD while I continue to purchasing best seller titles on cassette will help with the transition from one media to the next.
Manhattan	Manhattan Public Library District	\$500.00	Our library's mission is to serve our community. Our community has many families with young children. Parents have questions about parenting. Our library has resources to help parents find the answers to these questions. Our collection of parenting books is current and relevant to the needs of the community. The staff is willing to serve and help our parents find the information they need.
Manlius	Bureau Valley School District #340	\$1,000.00	The media center will purchase books recommended by a group of students who read science fiction-fantasy. The students will make recommendations based on reviewing sources and award lists. Books will be purchased three times during the year. When the order is received, each student will choose a titles, read it. And create an annotation that will fit on a 4x6 index card. The cards will be placed in photo albums with the series title printed on the front.
Marengo	Marengo Community High School District #154	\$2,200.00	The high school Media Center is beginning an audio book collection to meet the special needs of many of the districts students. Nearly 50% of Special Education

			students have reading comprehension disabilities. Their comprehension greatly improves when using audio books along with print to read books. ESL students will also benefit from audio books since their oral comprehension is usually better than their reading comprehension.
Marengo	Marengo Public Library District	\$2,160.00	Upon learning that their child has special needs, a parent's first inclination is to seek out further information, which can be difficult to find. An outreach program has been designed to remedy that. Books and videos concerning special needs are available to area students and their parents at the public library. This helpful collection consists of titles recommended by special educators from the schools and from around the country. During an evening event, a social worker will address discipline areas for parents and others. Special educators will inform parents and students of the library's outreach program collection and event.
Marion	Marion CUSD #2	\$3,000.00	Our elementary media center is the learning hub for the school community. Kindergarten-5th grade students and staff members utilize an array of resources found on the shelves. Our "special collection" is the highlight of the library. Non-fiction science books and reference materials were purchased through a grant sponsored by the Illinois State Library. These resources help students increase their knowledge, strengthen critical thinking skills, and develop intergraded, real-world science projects. Accurate, up-to-date information is available to teachers for curriculum supplementation. Parents appreciate the information provided on the web page showcasing this special collection.
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Marion	Crab Orchard Public Library District	\$1,925.00	The squeaky clean grant enriches the quality of life for Seniors and provides them with library service that exceeds their expectations. A lot of seniors want books with language which is not offensive to them and a story line that leaves more for the imagination. They want stories they can relate to. The "squeaky clean" grant for seniors gives them the opportunity to read good wholesome books that have a high interest level. They sometimes need help choosing books. Library staff is prepared to help them in any way they can, helping them

			to enjoy reading and the library.
Marshall	Marshall Public Library	\$1,180.00	This project is a comprehensive approach to helping small businesses survive in tough times, and to encourage prospective entrepreneurial ventures in a rural area served by two library districts. Six small business seminars given by experts from area universities and the Small Business Administration will provide information and knowledge essential for success, including the business plan, insurance, taxes, finance, marketing and human resources. A broad collection of print resources, including many current reference books and manuals, will be developed to assist participants. The library will become an excellent resource for the business community, a very important part of our small community.
Martinsville	Martinsville Public Library District	\$750.00	This program will provide a fundamental backdrop in our patrons' endeavors to seek, locate, apply for and obtain a desired job. The program, assisted by various organizations, agencies and materials, will prepare the patron for testing success and job skill acquisition. The program will continue to assist patrons by offering audio books for them to listen to while they commute back and forth to work.
Mascoutah	Mascoutah Public Library	\$3,000.00	Due to the upgrade of technology, car manufacturers are now including CD players in new model cars almost exclusively. In order to comply with the demand of commuters who use our audio book collection, the library will develop a new collection of books on CD. The addition of a core collection of audio books on CD will enable commuters to continue to "read" during their drive time to and from work each day.
Matteson	Matteson Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library will be expanding its audio books collection to include the CD format. Most of the user of audio books include commuters and many are buying newer cars that

			only include CD players. Also, audio books continue to be very popular for our senior patrons. Due to budgetary constraints, the library has not been meeting the demand for audio books., However, due to a recently passed referendum, there will be an increase in revenue in December 2004. The library will be able to sustain and add to the new format.
Matteson	Matteson Public Library	\$3,000.00	Graphic Novels have arrived! The young adult population now has a collection of books which appeal to the reluctant reader, as well as those who are "too cool" to carry a book around. This form of sequential art combined with literature, could well be a transition genre for many young people. Finding pleasure reading graphic novels may lead to reading more traditional forms of literature. As schools strive to raise reading scores, every type of media must be utilized. Graphic novels in the public library are a step in the right direction.
Mattoon	Mattoon Community Unit School District #2	\$3,000.00	Reading is COOL at our school. We have implemented strategies to increase test scores and instill the importance of reading by purchasing new books covering a variety of themes. The result is evident in the increased circulation statistics in our library. These new titles are featured on our web site to entice and expedite student selection.
Melrose Park	Melrose Park Public Library	\$2,700.00	Hispanics or Latinos now comprise twelve percent of the US population and are the fastest growing ethnic group in the country. Need for Spanish language materials and English materials with a Hispanic or Latino focus climbs every year in libraries everywhere. The library will use grant monies to help boost our reference, audio books, non-fiction and fiction collections to better serve these patrons who comprise 54% of the community. With a new flat wall displayer and publicity materials distributed inside the library and at the local Hispanic community center, the

			library hopes to draw new patrons and keep current ones happy.
Melrose Park	Melrose Park Public Library	\$3,000.00	Only 33% of Hispanic children are read to daily, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Serving a community which is half Hispanic, our library will purchase quality Spanish books, encouraging Spanish-speaking patrons to read at home, and give parents a model they can follow as they read with their children. The Back to Books funding enables us to significantly increase and improve our Spanish offerings for children and institute a bilingual story hour to promote the new book, bring patrons to the library and encourage them to take books home and read to their children.
Mendon	Four Star Public Library District	\$800.00	The grant will fund the project of purchasing "Job Seeker" materials and then implementing an outreach program to provide the local school district with these materials to use in high school classes, such as the Technical Prep Job Skills course. The library will purchase the following types of books after collaborating with teachers: resume writing, essential workplace skills, interview etiquette, and career opportunities. It is the library's mission to make available the job-searching resources needed by the community. These materials can be very valuable in today's economy and can provide teens in the community with information that they will be able to use throughout their careers. Hopefully, this grant will create life-long users of the library in the process!
Mendota	Graves-Hume Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The library purchased Large-print Books to expand its collection. The new titles represent classic books, with an emphasis on children's classics that appeal to both young and old. The additional titles fill a need for books requested by its senior patrons, while at the same time expand the selection available to its vision and/or hearing

			impaired patrons.
Morrison	Odell Public Library	\$2,850.00	The library has stocked the shelves of the Children's Department learning area with a variety of resource and reference books covering English, Math, History, Science and Reading. When entering the library you can see all the kids sitting reading and exploring the new learning center. The kids are using the area to learn about science, math, different nationalities and history. They are reading because they want to instead of reading because they have to. The kids can give themselves a round of applause and come back for encore after encore to learn at the library.
Mount Vernon	C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District	\$3,000.00	Over 2,600 young adults in the library district now have access to a young adult area in the library stocked with materials dealing with their own interests. In addition to non-fiction items such as career guides and self-help issues, the students can enjoy books on CD, popular fiction and graphic novels.
Mundelein	Fremont Public Library District	\$2,515.00	This grant project seeks to strengthen the connection between a diverse community and its library through acquisition of Spanish-language materials. In addition to improving the Spanish-language collection, this project increases library staff awareness of diversity in its community and enhances their foreign language selection skills as well as strengthening professional relationships with other library professional. This professional cooperation contributes to sustaining the benefits of the project over time.
Mundelein	Mundelein Elementary School District 75	\$1,085.00	The school's Hispanic population is 50% of total students. The ISAT scores show that 50% third grade Hispanic students do not meet state ISAT reading state standards. 50% of the Hispanic population speaks little English. Many of these students cannot afford to buy books or

			cassettes as 33% come from low-income homes. The LMC owns three shelves of Spanish books and no Spanish/English cassettes. Studies from the (National Reading Panel 2001) state that oral reading significantly impacts word recognition, fluency and comprehension. The cassette tape program will impact the rise of ISAT scores for 2003.
Murphysboro	Sallie Logan Public Library	\$3,000.00	Chapter Books kits of a humorous nature are being purchased to assist the Library on better meeting the needs of patrons. The kits include a chapter books, cassette or CD that follows the book word for word and a teacher's guide. These kits are especially suited for the reluctant or struggling reader. Utilizing these kits, the child reading below grade level is able to enjoy the same books being read by friends and is able to enjoy books at their interest level that are above their reading level. The value and pleasure of reading is reinforced.
Nashville	Nashville Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library is expanding its audio book collection to meet the growing demands of commuters as well as regular library patrons within the community. By doing so, the public will have a better selection of audio books to choose from for their work commute, leisure travel, or to use at home. Increased enjoyment as well as the educational factor enhances the quality of life for people who are unable to or don't have the time to read a printed book.
Neoga	Neoga CUSD 3	\$3,000.00	The library is perceived as a more user-friendly place by struggling, emerging and reluctant readers because literature and resources are now available in alternative formats more suited to their learning styles. Increased success in reading has led to greater interest and enjoyment in reading which in turn has helped these students improve reading skills and achieve higher ACT/SAT scores. Strong collaboration between the

			classrooms, resource rooms and the library provides continuous monitoring of the strengths, weaknesses and success of the project.
New Baden	New Baden Public Library	\$2,750.00	The Library is purchasing juvenile fiction, non-fiction and reference materials to better meet the needs of the community's young children, especially 400 Pre-K through 8th graders enrolled in school as well as a growing number of homeschooled children.
Normal	Heartland Community College	\$1,158.00	This grant provides developmental readers enrolled in reading improvement classes with unabridged audio recordings of curriculum-approved titles as an aid to developing reading proficiency. It also helps to promote the use of these recordings.
Normal	McLean County UD #5	\$3,000.00	The library houses a diverse student population, with more than 19 different languages spoken. Books, videos, and books on tape broaden students' and teachers' knowledge and understanding of other cultures, people, and languages. These materials help students share their culture and language with others. Students feel a sense of pride and ownership when they collaborate with their teachers to help others understand their countries, cultures, people and languages that make up the student population of the school and the world.
Normal	McLean County UD #5	\$3,000.00	The "Be Aware and Care" project uses books and other library resources to help foster an understanding and tolerance of those with disabilities. The weekly book-talks help make the students aware that these resources exist in the library and are available for check-out. The various resources are available to the staff for the purpose of enhancing the school's curriculum. The project affects the learning community within the school as well as the larger district community. The books and resources have a lasting effect on the students and staff and the promotion

			of the books is ongoing.
Normal	Normal Public Library	\$3,000.00	"Building a Spanish Popular Materials Collection" will provide services to a growing and underserved segment of the library's service area. The local Hispanic population has doubled over the last ten years. The library's collection currently has no Spanish popular reading materials. The library will work with local agencies to identify members of the target population. These potential patrons will be asked what books are of most interest. Selection of materials will rely heavily on this input. Books will be purchased for adults, teens and children. The collection will be advertised in schools, ESL programs, local Hispanic-owned businesses, and service agencies.
Normal	Illinois State University	\$3,000.00	Facing Autism is an effort of the library and the Autism Spectrum Institute to assist the families and teachers of individuals with Autism Spectrum and related behavioral disorders (ASD) to obtain information about best practices and early intervention techniques. The emphasis is on creating a collection tailored for parents. The Autism Spectrum Institute already works with families and schools, and this initiative enables the library to extend the scope of its collection to include more materials written specifically for parents. ASD-related resources will be listed on the library's web site, and the Institute will include the library as a resource in promotional materials.
North Aurora	Messenger Public Library of North Aurora	\$2,900.00	The library continues to partner with Asbury Gardens care facility by providing outreach services to seniors and residents assisted living. Library staff visit the care facilities twice each month bringing a selection of large print and audio visual materials for residents to borrow. Staff also provides on-site readers advisory and inter-library loan services. The north Aurora Lions Club supports this program through donations to the large print

			collection. Through interactions with staff and by reading and viewing, this special population stays connected to the library, the community and the world around the.
Oak Forest	Acorn Public Library District	\$1,020.00	The need for Christian fiction titles in the library is imperative to the growth of the library and the community. A larger more diverse selection of titles ensures that the reader will not grow tired of the subject. Children are the future of the community, so having titles available for them is crucial to their search for knowledge in this particular area.
Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$3,000.00	Many libraries offer large print books for patrons with limited vision. Yet the ability to hold a book comfortably is also essential to the enjoyment of reading. These large print books, typically bound in hard covers, can be a half-pound heavier than soft cover books of the same dimensions. Through Project Light Touch the Library is increasing the number of soft cover large print books in its collection and therefore offering a greater selection of reading materials to patrons with both limited vision and limited hand strength.
Oak Park	Oak Park Public Library	\$2,150.00	The library is developing a special collection of works written by and about celebrated author Carol Shields. This special collection will serve patrons interested in reading works by an author connected with their community. The collection, like others developed by the library, will also serve literary scholars studying this local author.
Oglesby	Illinois Valley Community College	\$3,000.00	One library goal is to supply students in all academic disciplines with basic resources necessary for educational success. A Children's Literature class has been added to the 2003 curriculum. An analysis of the current juvenile collection shows inadequate preparedness to support this new course. Current budget constraints to education make accomplishing this goal difficult. This class will have

			a high census and meet the educational needs of several different programs in the area. Grant money can allow the library to obtain a core collection of children's literature necessary to support those committed to serving our area's children.
Oregon	Oregon Public Library District	\$2,750.00	The library is reaching out to patrons who are experiencing deteriorating vision, yet still prefer the quiet experience of reading, by increasing the size of its Large Print collection by 50% and dividing the resulting collection and rotating it between the library and the local senior center.
Oregon	Oregon Public Library District	\$1,520.00	In these tense times it can be helpful to "lighten up". Graphic books provide an element of playfulness, no matter what the subject matter. Providing both fiction and non-fiction titles will draw visually-oriented readers into reading. Since visually-oriented readers may have trouble concentrating on pages and type, these books seem custom-made to attract reluctant readers to the joy of books. Patrons who see the library as "dull" or "scary" will come to see a place with graphic books as current and interesting, leading them to a lifetime of learning, enjoyment and informed citizenship.
Orland Park	Orland School District #135	\$1,000.00	In order to educate second graders about the historical past of our region, books (print and audio) are being used to develop activities appropriate to that purpose. Activities include: reading, research, storytelling, art projects, and music appreciation. Brochures about the books and activities are being sent home to parents.
Orland Park	Orland School District #135	\$3,000.00	This program is designed to help bridge the gap between children who have recently immigrated to American and American children of many different cultural heritages. The children participate in projects designed to increase their awareness of their own culture, the culture of other students and American culture. The projects are designed

			to dispel stereotypic images, to promote empathy, build a sense of common humanity, and give the children knowledge of cross cultural communications skills. The products of these projects are to be presented to parents and community members during an evening presentation in March 2004.
Ottawa	Ottawa Elementary SD 141	\$2,375.00	Audio books are being purchased to accompany hardcover books of the same title, which are already part of the library's collection. Furthermore, personal audiocassette players with headphones are being purchased. Both the audio books and personal cassette players are available on loan to the library's patrons.
Ottawa	Reddick Library	\$3,000.00	Audio books are popular items and Kathy and Tom are happy over the road drivers. They rely on their public library for current audio books to pass the long hours they spend in the cab of their truck. And there are new titles available...more new titles than they've seen in months. The new program targeting commuters is great. And it's free! Only at their public library!
Palos Hills	North Palos School District #117	\$1,670.00	Using new materials purchased, the second grade teachers and students are creating engaged learning activity units to enhance the teaching and learning process about specific areas of science covered in the curriculum. Examples of units are "Creepy Crawlies" (insects), "I can hear, my dear" (sound), or "My place in space" (solar system and stars). Students are creating, presenting and displaying visual images, dioramas, reports or technology presentations to demonstrate their learning. These projects are then put on display on the school web page for community members to see.
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$2,550.00	"Serving All Library Spanish-speakers Also!" (SALSA) is a core circulating collection of Spanish-language print and audio book materials to serve the needs of recent

			immigrants who are making up a growing segment of the community's population. SALSA! Also benefits students of the Spanish language seeking an enjoyable way to increase their skills.
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$2,550.00	POPteen creates an extensive circulating collection of materials selected for their special appeal to teens, such as video game strategy guides, graphic novels, and biographies of current celebrities in music, entertainment, and sports. These popular materials will attract teens to the library, exercise their reading skills and encourage them to explore the other culture and educational resources the library offers.
Park Forest	Park Forest Public Library	\$2,550.00	Doing Good for Do-Gooders will create an extensive circulating collection of materials explaining how to start, run, raise funds, and write grants for small nonprofit organizations. Resources focus on the various aspects and levels of seeking funds by grassroots organizing groups as well as grantsmanship skills for established agencies.
Paxton	Paxton Carnegie Library	\$2,130.00	As Hispanics search for employment, decent housing and better educational opportunities, we will purchase Spanish language books to better serve our Hispanic library patrons. Hispanics are now the largest minority on our country and we must address their cultural concerns. This project is a direct response to the needs of our Hispanic population and it will have an immediate and positive impact upon them.
Paxton	Paxton Carnegie Library	\$3,000.00	The library is building a collection of materials to benefit the deaf or hard of hearing, their families, and anyone who wishes to communicate effectively with them. Materials include books on American Sign Language, videos, DVDs, software, and reference materials about cochlear implants and Deaf Culture.

Peoria	Peoria Public Library	\$2,800.00	The library is purchasing Spanish-language adult and juvenile books for our growing number of Hispanic customers, and also purchasing appropriate books to assist and encourage Hispanic customers to learn and practice English. Collections of Hispanic materials are being placed in each of the branch libraries so that Spanish-language items are readily accessible throughout the city. The library is working with local agencies to identify and reach out to Hispanic individuals and families. By adding information in Spanish to the library's website, Hispanic customers will be able to access the resources that their public library has for them.
Pittsfield	Pikeland CUSD #10	\$2,900.00	This grant provides resources on nutrition, healthy living and fitness related topics. The librarian will be working with the Home economics instructor to teach a unit on Healthy Lifestyles which will include a special cooking class, a cooking contest, using the library books as resources. The childcare classes will use the materials for preparing lessons on healthy lifestyles for their preschool students. The materials and cooking contest will be publicized with displays, signs, contests and newspaper articles.
Polo	Polo CUSD #222	\$2,150.00	Discover the world of pop culture at your library! Stop in and check out who's who and what's what. Learn about new ideas, trends and interesting bits. Expand your horizons and check the pulse of America's culture by cruising through our stacks of interesting stuff. Focus on the pictures and places that make this country unique. Listen to the voices and views of American life. Let our newest collection of materials be your guide. Pop rules at your library. Discover, explore and enjoy!
Poplar Grove	North Boone CUSD #200	\$2,300.00	The library is providing ninth grade students with a fresh start as they enter high school, that will help them achieve

			academic success! Freshmen students are receiving library skills training that is making them information literate from the beginning of their high school experience by providing instruction in the use of reference materials and research databases with a focus on FirstSearch. In addition, new library materials are being purchased that provide fantastic reference, non-fiction resources and exciting new young adult fiction in print and recorded formats reaching a broad range of interests and abilities.
Prospect Heights	Prospect Heights Public Library District	\$3,000.00	Providing books on CD is an important aspect of getting books to the reading public. Providing the classics on unabridged CD is a way to help students, slow readers, visually and physically impaired patrons, and patrons with too little leisure time to read find a way to enjoy the greatest writers of our culture. By having these classic offerings available in an audio format patrons can now listen to great works of literature in an entertaining and enjoyable atmosphere.
Quincy	Quincy University	\$3,000.00	This grant award is used to purchase core books needed to support a new women's and gender studies minor. Due to significant budget cuts since 1995, the library is unable to provide needed titles for this discipline. Using academic review resources, librarians and faculty select scholarly titles and catalog them on national and local systems. Women's and gender studies is an interdisciplinary minor and the selected titles cover many subject areas. All students and faculty use these books. Titles are also available to any patron nationwide through the interlibrary loan service.
Quincy	Quincy Public Library	\$2,930.00	The library branch is purchasing regular print non-fiction, large print fiction and non-fiction, audio books and reference books to supply the needs of the residents, clients and staff of a senior assisted living facility which

			also houses senior service agencies. The branch is located in this facility. Purchases will focus on senior issues, care giving, health, and computers; up-to-date reference materials; popular large print; and popular audio books.
Richmond	Nippersink School District #2	\$3,000.00	As students are routinely assigned to read a biography and report on it, many students and teachers comment that the books in the collection are uninteresting and outdated. Upon analyzing library statistics, the average age of the biography collection is 1986. Third grade through fifth grade students and teachers need biographies in the library that are current, interesting, and at appropriate reading levels that support the curriculum. With that in mind, several teachers and the school librarian will collaborate to select and purchase biographies to accomplish these goals.
Richmond	Nippersink School District #2	\$2,700.00	Selecting, purchasing and using quality or well-written nonfiction books with students in kindergarten through second grade is the thrust of this program after a survey showed that teachers and students wanted these books available in the school library. Further analysis of the library collection revealed that although many fiction books are available, there are few quality nonfiction books for kindergarten through second grade students that are suitable at their reading levels. Teachers of these primary grades plan to collaborate with the librarian to select and integrate these new nonfiction books into the teaching of study skills enhancing the curriculum.
Richmond	Nippersink School District #2	\$2,696.00	This project allows the learning center to purchase fifteen sets of nonfiction science titles, designated to support the second grade teachers and students in their study of life, earth, and physical science. Second grade students are beginning to read for information and these selected

			science books are providing detailed photographs, maps, and timelines to allow second graders easy research.
Richmond	Nippersink School District #2	\$3,000.00	Using audio books to promote reading to kindergarten through fifth grade students is the thrust of this program after students and teachers have requested the purchase of this media. Many students, including those students with reading and learning difficulties are aural learners who can benefit by listening and following along with audio books available from the school library. This program will enhance teaching methods and improve student's listening and reading comprehension skills while encouraging students to become life long users of the library.
River Grove	Triton College Library	\$2,800.00	Our community college library is seeking purchasing materials for its English as a Second Language (ESL) clients. Currently, over 3000 students are enrolled in ESL classes. Enrollment increases each semester. Through Bibliographic Instruction sessions, librarians and faculty will incorporate newly acquired ESL materials into class assignments. Librarians will encourage ESL students to apply for the Library's annual scholarship. Scholarship applicants must write a 500 word essay on how the library has helped the individual to become a successful student and lifelong learner.
Rochelle	Rochelle Elementary District #231	\$2,900.00	Fiction and nonfiction books supporting the sixth grade curriculum will be added to the library to enhance the middle school collection.
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Rock Falls	Rock Falls Public Library District	\$2,600.00	This project allows for the purchase of new materials for the library's parenting collection. Titles will be purchased on subjects such as single parenting, child development, raising teenagers, nutrition, childbirth, newborn care, fatherhood, and medical and mental health issues. The collection will be a great asset for all caregivers in the area.
Rockford	Rockford Public School District #205	\$1,850.00	Reaching reluctant readers is a major goal of our high school library. If students are offered materials of personal interest in more accessible formats, they will read. Graphic novels appeal to young readers of all backgrounds and ability levels. Audio taped books open doors for students who have difficulty reading. This program is designed to appeal to non-traditional readers, providing them with materials that are too costly for our high school library to purchase. This program's intent is to provide graphic novels and books on tape for reading circles, students' free time, and sustained silent reading.
Rockford	Boylan Catholic High School	\$2,610.00	Students with learning disabilities and low reading scores are reading books on heroes and unusual phenomenon to spark their interest and raise their reading levels. The school librarian partnered with the resource center faculty to develop a program funded by an LSTA grant to bring students with special needs to the library. The students

			research and read about heroes and expand their knowledge about the history and events that made them heroes using books that aid in reading and comprehension. The students also explore strange phenomenon in the world by researching for understanding.
Rockford	Rockford Public School District #205	\$2,500.00	This project allows the library to reach out to teens who are more comfortable on skateboards or playing video games. The library will purchase graphic novels as an alternative reading choice, appealing to teens for their fusion of "on the edge" art with text.
Roselle	Roselle Public Library District	\$3,000.00	To meet the needs of an increasingly diverse service population, grant monies are used to purchase books for a collection of Spanish language materials. The library provides staff time to select, order and process these materials, and design and distribute promotional brochures. The Spanish language collection is promoted in-house, and brochures are delivered to five elementary school districts, two high school districts, five parochial schools, three literacy groups, two colleges, and two other community organizations.
Roxana	Roxana C.U.D. #1	\$3,000.00	"Giving Life to Local Heritage" will provide a special collection of books at the Senior High School level that will focus on the local history of the surrounding area. This collection will be heavily used by students and faculty as they explore the rich cultural heritage in our immediate area. Many students graduate without a knowledge of the local history that includes the starting point of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, home to Robert Wadlow, the Gentleman Giant, Elijah Lovejoy, noted journalist and the legend of the Piasa Bird. This grant will help bring an awareness of local history to the students.
Salem	Bryan-Bennett Library	\$2,373.00	We propose to purchase materials that will form new core

			collections for the group that we identify as 21st Century Format Readers. The group has two segments, adults who prefer audio books on CD, and teens who prefer graphic novels. With patron input, we will select about fifty items for each collection. In collaboration with our schools, community, and Friends group, we will design and distribute attractive bookmarks, flyers, and posters to promote our new collections, and organize contests and open house events to bring target group patrons into the library to explore the new collections.
Schiller Park	Schiller Park Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library is building a Beginning Reader Nonfiction Collection. This collection covers a wide variety of topics at suitable reading levels for First to Third Grades. The materials selected support the local public and non-public school curriculums. The items will be placed in a special collection located in the Youth Services Room.
Shabbona	Indian Creek CUSD #425	\$2,700.00	A full collection of primary biographies and community helper/career books at different reading levels is now available at our school library. These new high interest book sets provide an opportunity for our students to meet, experience, understand and explore, on their own, historical figures, authors, artists, scientists, inventors, social reformists, athlete, etc...introduced in class. These new titles are featured in the current library program that includes story time, library skills, and literature based activities.
Sherman	Sherman Public Library District	\$2,600.00	The society in which we live is fluid, mobile and fast-paced. Employment is not necessarily in ones own community. Audiobooks make sense to a population trained in multitasking. Commuters can now listen to their favorite author on the way to jobs, no matter what the distance. The essence of this grant is to provide commuters, and travelers in general, with those books

			from local sources.
Springfield	Lincoln Library	\$2,900.00	This project provides for the purchase of children's foreign language books and audio books in Asian and Hispanic as well as other European languages. As the children become more proficient in English, they will be better able to adjust to their new community and school. The materials include fiction and non-fiction titles for preschool through sixth grade. A bibliography of all titles purchased is available.
Sterling	Sterling CUSD #5	\$2,900.00	Test results on the Illinois PSAE achievement exams for the years 2001 and 2002 demonstrated negative annual yearly progress, or 29% loss in the Social Sciences by our high school eleventh graders. A new course on the overview of American History, World History and Geography is offered to ninth graders for the first time this fall semester to improve students' achievement on the Social Sciences standardized test. This project purchases, processes, and makes available to all our students, and also to interlibrary loan patrons, new curriculum relevant books on description and history of diverse areas around the world.
Sterling	Newman Central Catholic High School	\$2,895.00	A variety of factors, chief among them the absence for six years of dedicated librarian to direct collection development efforts, have led to the gradual aging and increasing irrelevance of the Reference Collection. Although many websites offer high-quality information, students need accurate, comprehensive and current print resources as well. The library staff will update the reference collection in subject areas where need is greatest. A collection development policy that firmly directs a percentage of the annual book budget to maintenance of the reference collection will help staff maintain the collection thereafter.

Sterling	Sterling Public Library	\$2,950.00	The library is providing a highly educational service to the community by creating GET SMART KITS. These creative learning kits will provide the necessary educational materials needed to completely understand scientific, mathematical, or historical knowledge to help ensure a quality education to the youth of our community.
Streator	Streator Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library is expanding its present small young adult fiction book collection thanks to an LSTA grant. At least 800 young adult students are enjoying these new reading materials. This grant allows us to help support a goal of the library, which is to act as a support educational center for our local schools. More students are checking out books from our library and more importantly, reading.
Sullivan	Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library	\$3,000.00	Based on patron surveys and statistics, we are addressing commuters through the development of our audio collection. Emphasis is placed on recorded books, fiction, abridged and unabridged editions.
Sycamore	Sycamore Public Library	\$2,800.00	'Back to Reading -- Your Way' is a program that brings library materials to readers, the way that they want them. Busy people sometimes feel that their reading needs are not met by today's library, but that is changing. Audio-books in CD and cassette formats and large print books on today's current topics are available from your library, making it possible community members to use library materials in the most convenient way, whether in the car during the commute or at home while relaxing.
Thomson	York Township Public Library	\$600.00	Science books coordinating with the Wonder Wise science programs presented at the library are now available as part of the juvenile nonfiction collection. These collections are available for loan to third and fourth grade classes to use in conjunction with their classroom materials, providing the educators with additional resources for their students. Children and adults have access to the latest information

			available on a variety of science topics. This new collection of science materials will also benefit home school families.
Tinley Park	Community Consolidated School District #146	\$2,500.00	This project is designed to impact school children, from 3 to 8 years of age, who have English as their second language and/or strong ethnic backgrounds. Through the schools media center, these children have increased access to a variety of age appropriate reading materials including bilingual books, audio books, early concept books and pattern books that can be shared with non-English speaking family members in the home. As a result of this grant, the children, as well as their families, are positively impacted by engaging in reading activities that encourage language development in both English and their native language.
Tinley Park	Tinley Park Public Library	\$3,000.00	The library purchased English as a Second Language materials and Arabic and Spanish literature for children and adults to better serve these populations as they arrive in this country and our community. These residents of the community will now find reading materials for all ages in their native languages. The library intends that these collections will help the patrons feel more welcome in the library and in the community and encourage them to utilize other library resources and services.
Tolono	Tolono Unit 7 School District	\$2,565.00	Reading can be an unpleasant chore to some students, especially those who have learning disabilities. The library hopes to make that experience more pleasurable for those students by expanding its small audio book collection and adding high interest novels to its collection.
Tolono	Tolono Unit 7 School District	\$3,000.00	Fifty-eight special education students comprise thirteen percent of our total student population. Eight of the fifty-eight students are designated as non-readers. The library will purchase audio disc books with accompanying

			hardbacks as well as one set of hi-lo books in order to better meet the literacy needs these fifty-eight To meet the literacy needs these studentsstudents.
Towanda	Towanda District Library	\$2,500.00	The library will begin a new collection of books on CD for travelers, families on vacation and commuters. The library will purchase approximately 60 new books on CD for all ages of listeners from classic to popular titles. The library will hire a graphic design agency to design a bookmark highlighting a local commuting community member or a local family on vacation to promote this new collection. The library will distribute these bookmarks throughout the community.
Trenton	Trenton Public Library	\$3,000.00	The grant will be used to buy audio books and large print books which is being used to better aid the library's visually-impaired senior patrons. This enables them to still get literature without reading. The news of this added material is being made known to the visually-impaired senior patrons through the local newspaper, bookmarks and as they enter the library.
University Park	Governors State University	\$3,000.00	We are please to announce that our University Library is the recipient of a grant for Research & Reference Books in Academic Disciplines. This grant enables us to purchase books to enhance our collection in the disciplines of Political & Justice Studies, Addiction Studies and Social Work to augment our academic programs. We serve college students who are predominantly working, female adults with an average age of 37. We do not have residence halls on campus, so all of our students are commuter students.
University Park	Governors State University	\$3,000.00	Support is sought to initiate service to a newly defined potential user group, employees of the university. The Library partners with the Human Resources Department to develop an Employee Health Resource Center, located in

			<p>the library. The Resource Center houses information materials which support the information needs of employees. The goal of the project is to improve employee health through access to accurate health information. An advisory committee consisting of representation from the Library and Human Resources department oversees the project, with final purchase decisions being made by the Library. A web page developed by the Library supports the project, giving information about the Employee Health Resource Center and other health care information available through the Library.</p>
Vandalia	Vandalia CUSD #203	\$3,000.00	<p>Our school district has reorganized within the last year. All of our preschool, kindergarten and first grade students are now in one building. As we look at our book collection we find that we have very few titles for beginning readers. We are searching recommended sources, asking teachers their needs, and developing a collection for easy to read titles for beginning readers. We feel that it is necessary to provide quality literature in the quantity necessary for our youngest students. Lists of new titles will be prepared for teachers. Students will receive book marks periodically to encourage them to read the new titles. The library staff will be available for story hours and book talks.</p>
Vandalia	Evans Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>Teen moms are attending monthly programs at the library on the importance of reading to young children. The library has added a variety of board books to its collection to appeal to these pre-kindergarten children. Working with teachers, the library is providing and promoting library materials to reluctant and low level reading in grades K-12. These materials include graphic novels, audio books and homework packs.</p>
Venice	Venice Public Library	\$2,860.00	<p>The "Return to Reading Program" will allow immediate</p>

			<p>access to high interest books requested by residents, therefore, enabling us to more effectively serve our public. This program will allow patrons to gain access to popular book titles at their home library eliminating the need to routinely visit neighboring libraries. The activities/programs we are planning will encourage and stress the importance of reading for children as well as for adults, inform residents of available services/resources and upcoming events. The "Return to Reading Program" will enrich the quality of life for the participants and provide an opportunity for self-directed growth in our community.</p>
Viola	Viola Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>To meet the needs of patrons that commute find reading regular print books difficult, this grant provides our patrons with a broadly expanded selection of audio and large print book titles. New titles will be prominently displayed where patrons will be aware of them. Staff will notify patrons of these new titles and will inform area residents through newspaper articles and the library's quarterly newsletter. All new titles will be added in a timely fashion to the online catalog for interlibrary loan.</p>
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>Book and puppets kits are the basis for new programs being offered by the Public Library. Incorporation of the kits into new toddler programs, as well as regular preschool story times, injects new life and interest in library programming. Families, teachers and grandparents are encouraged to take the kits home, reinforcing their children's reading and learning skills in a fun, new way.</p>
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$3,000.00	<p>Improving the basic juvenile non-fiction collection allows the library to continue to provide high level support to students seeking assistance with homework and other assignments. Subject areas selected for improvement through this project ensure that our collection is up to date in important areas such as world events, geography,</p>

			science and careers. After school activities throughout the school year focus on some of these subjects and incorporate the new materials to make students more aware of everything the library has to offer.
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$2,850.00	Today's society is increasingly mobile. Minivans and SUV's are the norm as family travel these days is not just on vacation, but commuting from home to school to dance classes, ball games and karate lessons. The family "car" has become an extension of the home, and is equipped with a marvelous opportunity. The cassette or CD player that has become standard equipment in today's automobiles is a wonderful opportunity for libraries to provide audio books for the whole family to enjoy. By making audio books available, this project provides opportunity for quality family time and improves literacy skills in children.
Warrensburg	Barclay Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Teen Scene provides popular, up-to-the-minute graphic novels, as well as popular YA titles on unabridged CDs. These new materials are helping to attract teenagers into the library who haven't been here since elementary school. Once they have a chance to look around, the teens are impressed with the selection and variety of other materials the library has to offer. This grant provides the incentive needed to get them in the door.
Waterloo	Morrison-Talbott Library	\$1,560.00	As people find there is never enough time to do the important things like read a treasured novel, or if they're tired of the same old, same old on the radio, they can turn to the library. Families on the go now have the opportunity to "read" as they travel. Best-selling authors, words of wisdom, a classic from the past or a child's favorite story are all available on audio CDs at the library. Check out the audio books on CD purchased through an LSTA grant

			administered by the Illinois State Library, a division of the Secretary of State's Office.
Wayne City	Wayne City CUSD #100	\$2,900.00	By including audio books and e-books into an existing program utilized by the language arts department, there will be a greater number of students that will read for pleasure, especially non-readers and auditory learners. Students receive assignments through the language arts department that requires books to be read. Books purchased with grant monies enhances the options of the student. Activities for the program include promotion in newspapers, newsletters, radio announcements, skits, and student incentives.
Western Springs	Thomas Ford Memorial Library	\$3,000.00	"Illuminating Our Challenges," addresses a critical gap in our Youth Services collection. Our goal, as in LSTA Goal #1, is to serve as a main anchor of information utilized by parents when identifying or researching the special needs of their children. We feel that the parents of challenged children is a specific group not traditionally identified in the core collections of our Library. Through research, we have targeted specific needs and wish to develop our collection to meet the information needs of this unique demographic. Our objective is to become a point illumination to this unique group of patrons.
Western Springs	Thomas Ford Memorial Library	\$3,000.00	Sophomore Honors English students at the High School have each conducted an independent author study that requires them to read titles by an author chosen from a reading list. Students also find critical and interpretive material useful in helping them analyze their author's style and use of theme, plot, and characterization. This grant helps our library develop a collection of novels by the authors and supplementary materials about them for the Honors students.
Westmont	Westmont Public Library	\$2,800.00	While more than 7% of the community is Hispanic, few are

			library users. While a number of factors contribute to non-use, the lack of a Spanish language collection plays a significant role. With the addition of new, culturally and educationally relevant materials and resources, and a trained, welcoming staff to assist them, the number of Hispanic library users should increase, with the long-term goal of a Hispanic community proportionately represented amongst active library users.
Wilmette	Wilmette Public Library District	\$1,300.00	The largely white-collar, professional community served by the library is experiencing increased unemployment in the current economic environment. By providing a special collection of professional employment and vocational titles in an e-book format, the library hopes to reach out to those who prefer the electronic environment as well as to those who might be uncomfortable seeking such information in the public arena of the library.
Wood Dale	Wood Dale Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The library has become an educational anchor of the community by purchasing and promoting library material in a variety of languages and formats to support the English as a Second Language, GED, and Citizenship curriculum at the local community college, as well as other local family literacy efforts. The community college is teaching free ESL classes at the library this year and, through this partnership and grant, the library will provide an opportunity for residents to gain tools to improve their economic status and gain key library advocates to reach the Spanish and Polish community.
Wood River	Wood River Public Library	\$3,000.00	"On the Road Again" means exactly that! Commuters traveling to and from their workplaces will have a link to the Library. They will experience materials they are not able to read in print form...they will have the pleasure of listening to popular materials either on audiocassette tape or CDROM. Traffic congestion won't be as much of a drag,

			book discussions won't be so foreign, and work may become a satisfying adventure! Come, listen, and make your travel time a joyous occasion via the Library.
Woodlawn	Woodlawn CHSD #205	\$2,895.00	The best way to learn is by doing. Our "Across the Curriculum Information Literacy" program is giving our students a chance to practice information literacy skills as we teach them. They are putting the skills they are learning to use in a meaningful project, thus maximizing the learning potential of this program. The fact that we have a core collection of age appropriate books in our library collection emphasizes the importance of books as research material and the ability of our library to fulfill the student's needs for print material.
Woodstock	Woodstock CUSD #200	\$2,950.00	The goal of the "Latino Literacy Program" is to offer necessary library resources and materials for students to improve reading and information literacy skills and to strengthen the home to school literacy connection. The objective is to increase the number of Latino students meeting or exceeding local and state reading standards as measured on assessment tools. This project will allow the acquisition of new resources for the Latino population and availability of promotional materials. The program will offer training for teachers and parents and the available resources in the library for utilization.
Wyoming	Wyoming Public Library District	\$1,000.00	In an effort to meet the needs of all types of library users, the library has been awarded grant monies for the purpose of developing an audio book collection. Commuters are encouraged to take advantage of this collection. The audio collection consists of best selling fiction and nonfiction titles as well as a variety of other titles in a variety of areas. This grant's intent is to offer another outstanding library service to the library community.
Zion	Zion-Benton Public	\$3,000.00	This grant will develop a core collection of audio books on

	Library District		CD (ABCDs). The collection will be promoted particularly to the growing number of commuters in the library's service area.
Zion	Zion-Benton Public Library District	\$2,850.00	The library has identified homeschoolers as an underserved constituency. To better serve them, the library will query homeschoolers to find out what materials they need for their lessons. The library will use grant funds to purchase books for its outdated Parent/Teacher collection. The new books will be listed in a bibliography and resource list that will include websites and community resources of particular interest to homeschoolers. The library will provide meeting space for homeschoolers to meet and network.
Zion	Zion-Benton Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The library district's population is 17% African-American and 13% Hispanic; 17% of the district is aged 10-19 (2000census). The grant will expand the library's young adult collection to include books that better reflect this racial/ethnic balance and to include books that represent other cultures. Books will include non-fiction, fiction, and graphic novels in paperback and hardcover, selected for enrichment/leisure reading. The project director will promote the collection with book talks at the junior high school.
Zion	Zion-Benton Public Library District	\$3,000.00	The Hispanic population in the library district increased from 5% in 1990 to 13% in 2000. The library will develop a popular reading collection for adult Spanish-speakers as part of its services to this fast growing segment of the community. The target [population will be surveyed to find out their favorite authors and preferred genres.

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Aurora	Aurora West Community Unit School District #129	\$2,500.00	Budget constraints are affecting our Library Media Center. This grant, along with matching building funds, is allowing us to hire an aide for a few hours each day. This enables us to maintain current school day and after school hours, and to maintain current support of a very successful reading incentive program. Necessary clerical tasks performed by an aide impact the teaching support the library media specialist can provide to teachers and students.
Berwyn	Berwyn Public Library	\$1,500.00	During this time of economic uncertainty, the career center provides an essential service to adult job seekers. Highlighting this center are three new internet connected, high speed computers. At just one sitting, a patron can write a resume, perform a job search and even submit an application to a perspective employer. Computer usage is on a first-come, first-served basis. The career center is open to all adults regardless of place of residency.
Bluford	Webber Twp. HSD #204	\$2,500.00	We propose to purchase a network-ready laser printer capable of printing 18 pages per minute and a computer and monitor for library administration.
Bushnell	Bushnell Public Library District	\$2,100.00	Putting Our Patrons First is a grant which will provide funds to ensure that library services and hours of operations will not have to be reduced during difficult economic times. By providing additional funds for staff salaries, the grant will help the library retain quality, dedicated employees who are directly involved in serving the patrons of the library. The grant will give the library board additional time to review other revenue options to

			avoid making service cuts in the future.
Carrier Mills	Carrier Mills-Stonefort Public Library District	\$1,625.00	Library hours will be extended by three hours two evenings per week, from 5:00 to 8:00 and on Saturday morning from 12:00 to 1:00. 11 library services will be available during these hours and an evaluation will be conducted to determine if use of the library justifies the extra hours.
Clifton	Clifton Public Library	\$2,500.00	The library has purchased two computers to replace a 386 and 486 (upgraded with a Pentium). Internet connection will be much faster and more reliable, and the new faster computers will allow us expand the 20 minute time restriction on patrons. We have been offered free DSL connection through the Village, which we can now take advantage of because we have a computer with power enough to handle it.
Creston	Creston Community Consolidated School District #161	\$2,500.00	The library has replaced its broken laser printer with a new color laser printer! This will support our patrons' academic success by providing a resource that they are not able to find elsewhere in town. Our library is able to help patrons' publish professional and polished projects for their core academic areas, which helps to build their self-esteem and promote their creativity.
Crete	Crete Public Library District	\$2,000.00	Thanks to a grant, the Public Library District has a new copy machine for general use. The machine, with improved functionality and quality, replaces a seven year old, second-hand, machine. The Library Foundation provides additional funding towards the purchase of the machine.
Des Plaines	East Maine School District #63	\$2,500.00	With the purchase of three CPUs for the library, students will have much needed access to their online patron catalog. New equipment will provide increased, efficient access to printed resources, and web resources via the online patron catalog.
Earlville	Earl Township Public	\$1,717.00	The local library has a new staff computer purchased with

	Library		funds provided by an LSTA grant. This computer has a complete suite of office application software. It accesses the internet using a wireless connection. This computer is used to place interlibrary loan orders for patrons. It also aids in processing books and other library material. Watch for up-dates to the library web site at www.earlvillelibrary.org that will be done with this computer.
Forreston	Forreston Public Library	\$1,660.00	As one of the few places in town that offers copier service, the public library now has a new copier for use by staff and patrons. Last year alone we made over 3200 copies for patrons. Now only are we able to continue a valuable service, we feel this is just one more way to attract new patrons to the library.
Glen Carbon	Glen Carbon Centennial Library	\$2,500.00	Through a grant from the Illinois State Library, the library was able to purchase two new replacement computers for patron use. The new lifelong service program, "Get Connected @ Your Library", will teach patrons how to use our web page and many other hidden treasures such as ILLINET online, First Search and other statewide resources. This program will provide education in technology and the use of computers needed to meet our patron's needs. The new and quicker computers will take less time for patrons to find authoritative Internet resources to fulfill their information needs.
Harrisburg	Harrisburg CUSD #3	\$2,414.00	The library will purchase a copy machine to replace the one that recently became inoperable and cannot be replaced due to its antiquity and the non-availability of parts from the manufacturer.
Hinckley	Squaw Grove Public Library District	\$2,500.00	The library has recently purchased a new copier. The community will be happy to know this model is faster and produces better copies of photos and pictures. We look forward to serving your copying needs in the near future.

Homer	Homer Community Library	\$1,675.00	The library has purchased a new computer, scanner and related peripherals. The new equipment will make record keeping and interlibrary loans more efficient, thus increasing the ability of staff members to meet our goal of giving better service to our patrons in the community. The scanner will be available for public use.
Itasca	Itasca Community Library	\$2,500.00	With a grant, the library purchased a LCD projector. This will be used for both children's and adult programming for large group computer training and internet classes. It will also be used for entertainment programs, like showing feature films, and for any multimedia presentation employing a computer video cassette recorder or DVD player.
Johnsburg	Johnsburg Public Library District	\$2,160.00	The library has and new computer to help patrons access library catalog online resources. Patrons will benefit with this updated technology through daily use of this new equipment.
Johnsburg	Johnsburg CUSD #12	\$2,250.00	This project would replace three out-dated computer systems with state-of-the-art machines that would match or surpass the standard for the rest of the equipment available. When implemented, this project will boost the speed and effectiveness of daily operation and instruction in the library.
Lanark	Lanark Public Library	\$2,500.00	Stop by soon to see a demonstration on the new powerful 20 page per minute digital copier with duplex copying capability that is available for public use. On hand is a large supply of colored papers, resume paper, and overhead project film for all your copy machine projects. The Library staff is trained to help you with customizing program booklets, posters, proposals, invitations, party invitations and all your duplication projects.
Leaf River	Bertolet Memorial Library District	\$1,667.00	The library will once again extend morning hours by six hours per week. Patrons have had a taste of the

			additional hours in the past, but budget restraints reduced those additional hours. The extended hours will allow more computer time for patrons as well as access to all of the library's services. Story hour on Thursday mornings will resume. This program is attended by many youngsters and appreciated by parents. The extra morning hours give teachers from the local grade school more options as to when their class can make visits to the library.
Lindenwood	Eswood CCSD #269	\$2,500.00	The need to be addressed by this proposal is the lack of services available to patrons beyond regular school hours. The goal of this project is to provide library services to patrons of all ages after school, in the evenings, and during the summer. The library will be open 32 hours during the school year (16 two hour sessions) and 20 hours during the summer.
Lisle	Morton Arboretum	\$2,400.00	With the completion of the retro conversion of catalog records of the circulating collection of the Sterling Morton Library, a wide range of people will have access, via SWAN and OCLC (World Cat), to the wealth of its book and periodical resources. This includes the constituents and staff of the public libraries of the state and nation, as well as to those of colleges and universities, small botanic gardens and arboreta, and green industry companies, who have had limited access to these resources before the retro conversion.
Loves Park	North Suburban Public Library District	\$1,895.00	The library has a new printer that will accommodate large and wide paper for producing publicity for library events. The new printer will be particularly useful in promoting events for our upcoming 60th anniversary celebration.
Lyons	Lyons Public Library	\$1,500.00	This grant will allow the library to continue our summer Reading Clubs in the face of severe cuts to our operating budget, which cut funding for Special Programming and

			staffing while diverting funds to building maintenance. The Summer Reading Clubs benefit our residents in ways particularly tied to our mission as a public library. These benefits are of such significance and are so long-lasting to our residents that we are pleased to be able to continue these programs.
Marion	Crab Orchard Public Library District	\$1,500.00	This preschool program focuses on reaching preschoolers and provides a place for them to gather and interact with others their own age, teaching them the love of books and the library. It provides an early start for their future use of the library. It gives them a sense of being a part of a learning program, which offers a wide range of experiences. These experiences include stories, music, and hands-on art and science projects geared for their learning level. In this program they become comfortable in new surroundings with new people knowing a parent is still close at hand.
Matteson	Matteson Public Library	\$2,500.00	Through a grant the Library has replaced three obsolete computers currently running its online bibliographic and reference databases. These databases serve the information needs of a diverse group of library users. Local funds support the grant by furnishing software, configuration, installation and publicity. The newer and faster computers will increase patron use of the databases and allow the Library to introduce new online services.
Mendon	Four Star Public Library District	\$1,000.00	The library has been awarded grant which serves for the purchase a new catalog computer to allow for the upgrade of our circulation and catalog software. Patrons will continue to have accurate and easy to understand access to our library's bibliographic holdings!
Mounds	Meridian CUSD #101	\$2,400.00	Hours for the high school library have been extended two days per week. All library services, including computer

			services, are now available to students until 5:15 on these days.
Nokomis	Nokomis Public Library	\$2,500.00	The library is sponsoring a health and health safety program with the County Health Department that will be open to the public. With a grant through the Illinois State Library, the library purchased an Internet accessible computer, loaded with health related software. The library has chosen teen health and safety as the main target area but material pertaining to all aspects of health and health safety will be included in the program. Our goal is to especially help our low-income families, the rural population and the unserved in the surrounding area, that have health and health safety issues.
Oregon	Oregon Public Library District	\$2,500.00	An unexpected shortfall in library income led to staff hourly cuts for the last 3 months of FY 2002-03 and most of FY 2003-04. The library is now able to restore a portion of these reduced hours to library staff, so that recent strides in library programming for young children might be maintained.
Pearl City	Pearl City CUSD #200	\$2,500.00	Keeping equipment updated and maintained is not always an easy process in small school districts. Though this project, the library will purchase combination VCR/DVD players to replace outdated and malfunctioning VCRs. These new progressive scan players are compatible with the additional purchase of two new flat screen television sets to supplement our audio/visual department.
Polo	Polo Public Library District	\$2,500.00	Our library has purchased two new public access computers. The computers will upgrade and replace two of the original computers that were purchased seven years ago. The need to have state of the art computers with faster speed and greater memory will fill the need of many of the library patrons that are recently unemployed. They can use the computers in job placement testing, job

			searches, resumes and cover letters. Non-traditional students will also use the library computers for research and taking online exams.
Red Bud	Red Bud Public Library	\$1,300.00	The Economic Challenge Grant, A New Library Typewriter, will provide a new electric typewriter for our library. The library's old typewriter no longer works. Patrons ask to use a typewriter to fill in forms and type things that can't be done on the computer. The staff also needs a typewriter to type borrowers cards. The library is a tax-capped county so funds are limited. The library director will choose a typewriter and the library will supplement the grant by buying cartridges and correction tape.
Richmond	Nippersink School District #2	\$2,500.00	The purpose of this pilot project is to increase the visibility and importance of the school library as an educational anchor of the community. By expanding school library hours by an additional ten hours per week, grade school students will be able to work on homework, do library research, and use library computers with library staff to individually assist them with a variety of library activities, including locating and checking out books. Likewise, teachers will have additional time to access a variety of library materials and resources, while receiving professional assistance from the librarian and library staff.
Riverdale	Riverdale Public Library District	\$2,500.00	A desktop computer system will be purchased to replace the obsolete current system that is used as the library's OPAC unit. Additionally, a new firewall unit has been purchased. Ongoing maintenance and repair of all equipment purchased through the grant will be sustained through the library's regular operating budget.
Rochelle	Rochelle Elementary District #231	\$700.00	A multifunction printer will be purchased to fax interlibrary loan requests and electronic delivery of documents. The multifunction printer connected to a computer system will serve as a fax machine reducing the need for paper for

			document delivery, while also handling traditional faxing of forms and documents.
Rochelle	Rochelle Elementary District #231	\$582.00	Beginning October 1, 2003, the school library will be open an additional two hours per week throughout the school year to meet the increased demand for library services and provide more personalized service to the patrons.
Rosiclare	Rosiclare Memorial Public Library	\$2,400.00	A Library Services and Technology Act Grant has been awarded to the local Public Library. In this time if economic uncertainty and budget restraints, this grant will allow the library to offer expanded hours and continued service to its citizens. This grant will help while the library seeks other ways to fund the operation of the library such as memorials, gifts, and donations from local businesses and civic groups. Past LSTA Grants have allowed the library to make improvements and this grant will help to keep it open for another year.
Saint Anne	St. Anne Community Consolidated High SD 302	\$2,500.00	The Illinois State Library, in compliance with its Goal #2 "to employ technology as a means for libraries to deliver information and services to patrons", has extended a grant of \$2,500 to the new community high school library to provide a newly reconditioned copier and a new computer-connected color copier/printer/scanner to the library and school staff for the purpose of preparing and presenting multi-media reading improvement and instructional programs to all the libraries patrons. In addition, these copiers will be used as needed (at a small cost) by all library patrons to assist in whatever projects or programs they are pursuing.
Saint Elmo	St. Elmo Public Library District	\$2,500.00	The library will be opening at its new location and will be increasing its daily hours with the help of its "Looking to the Future" Grant. These increased hours will be initiated to better accommodate its library users. Additional hours will be added in the evenings to better serve students and

			commuters and morning hours will be added to Saturday hours as well and staying open longer.
Savanna	Savanna Public Library District	\$2,500.00	This project provides the library with a Microfilm Reader/Printer to be used by genealogy members, patrons of the library, or anyone who wishes to research the microfilm of the Savanna Times Journal for historical information. The library's collection of microfilm of the Savanna Times Journal dates from October 1885 to the present. The Carroll County Genealogical Society is housed in the lower level of the library
Skokie	Hebrew Theological College	\$2,475.00	The Judaic and general collections of the library are utilized by scholars, religious and communal leaders and other patrons from the metropolitan Chicago area. Amongst the most common complaint from our patrons is the limited operating hours on Sundays, a high volume day. We propose to hire a part time, para-professional librarian to work on Sunday from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm, to provide individualized help to patrons. The primary goal of this project is to provide access to the library's collections during a time when many of our patrons are seeking such access.
Skokie	Hebrew Theological College	\$2,475.00	The Judaic and general collections of the library are utilized by scholars, religious and communal leaders and other patrons from throughout the metropolitan Chicago area. Amongst the most common complaint is the limited support available on Sundays, a high volume day. We propose to hire a part time, professional librarian to work on Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, alternating between the Chicago and Skokie campus libraries to provide library instruction and individualized help to patrons. The primary goal of this project is to provide library instruction so that patrons can more efficiently access the material available through the library.

Springfield	Lincoln Library	\$2,500.00	The purchase of an additional micrographic reader/printer provides the library with a means for allowing greater access to unique or limited micro-resources. Training sessions equip students, researchers, and genealogists with skills they need to operate the machinery. Brochures supplement the reader/printer use with a list of the micrographics available at our library. The community is made aware of this opportunity through letters to community groups, press releases, and a special program about micrographic holdings.
Streator	Streator Public Library	\$899.00	The library now has a new electric typewriter for patron use thanks to the FY 2004 Library Service and Technology Act Grant: Economic Challenge awarded by the Illinois State Library. Our city of 14,190 now has a new electronic typewriter, which any patron may come in and use at our library. This grant allows us to support a goal of the library that is to provide adequate equipment to support the personal and educational needs of the community. The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides funding for this federal grant.
Taylor Ridge	Rockridge Community Unit School District #300	\$600.00	12th grade English students are working on Problem Solving in the Workplace Using PowerPoint during a semester-long library/classroom unit to develop workplace skills: Such skills include teamwork, communication, leadership, problem solving, motivation, and technology. Students are grouped according to career choices in areas such as business, health, education, agriculture and law enforcement. As the semester progresses, student groups participate in various activities which lead to the creation of a final PowerPoint presentation that will be given in May. An area consultant is working with the students, library staff, and English teacher to train them in the use of PowerPoint.

Taylorville	Taylorville CUSD #3	\$1,936.00	This grant will maintain the current hours of library service during this period of large cuts in the school budget. It will "keep the library doors open" with staff to organize and maintain the collection, and provide availability to the students and teaching staff. Teaching reading is a primary purpose of school. The school library is the primary provider of books. Student needs do not wait for budgets to get better.
Thomson	York Township Public Library	\$1,953.00	The library's technology plan calls for upgrading and replacement of old and outdated equipment with newer models to be able to provide patrons with the latest technology available. By replacing a public computer the library is able to provide patrons with a faster workstation that can access the Internet, our system's online catalog, word processing software and children's games. The library has the building, space, infrastructure and reputation to provide technology resources. The library is a great resource center for the community and needs to keep up with the ever-changing world of technology to meet the needs of the patrons served.
Thomson	Thomson CUD #301	\$2,500.00	Many families in our small farming community do not have access to a computer at home and the public library is only open two nights a week. With limited time during the school day to use the library, students need time before and after school to get the information they need to work on classroom assignments. With that in mind, school's K-12 library has expanded its hours one hour before and after school. Expanding the library's hours will allow students to use the library before and after school, accessing books and internet accessible computers.
Thomson	Thomson CUD #301	\$2,500.00	Due to these budget constraints, our school has had to cut our full time library aide. The goal of this project is to rehire the library aide on a part time basis, working three

			days a week. This will allow our library, which serves grades Kindergarten through twelfth, to have a librarian and an aide three days a week to meet the needs of the students in our district.
Tolono	Tolono Unit 7 School District	\$2,100.00	This project involves 140 students who create travel brochures on countries and states. The creation of these brochures requires the use of a color printer. The printer we currently own cannot meet the demands of this project. The addition of the color laser printer will benefit all the students involved with this collaborative project by providing a way to print the photos needed to create a finished product that satisfies both students and teachers.
Viola	Viola Public Library District	\$2,500.00	To encourage a love of reading in young children and to help assure their future success in school, the library plans to offer 22 story and activity days for children preschool through elementary age. Library staff expect to see an increase in the number of children using the library through the coming years by introducing them early to the joy and wonder of books.
West Frankfort	Frankfort CUSD #168	\$2,500.00	An Economic Challenge Grant from the Illinois State Library will ensure that elementary students in a rural, low-income school district in Southern Illinois will continue to benefit from the services of the library aide who has been the school's librarian since its construction in 2000. A federal program that employs low-income senior citizens had paid the salary of the library aide. When this funding became unavailable the school's library program faced a big setback. The ECC grant award of \$2500 will help the district maintain library services for the coming year, while permanent funding operations are explored.
West Union	West Union District Library	\$1,668.00	The library is open twenty hours. We serve 914 persons. We would like to expand our hours to a total of twenty-five. We are presently open Monday through Friday. We would

			like to be open two hours on Saturday. Three hours will be added to Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The hours will create a greater availability of services and greatly benefit our community, especially our students, their families, employed persons and senior citizens.
Winnebago	Winnebago Public Library District	\$1,000.00	This project allows the library to maintain patron services at the circulation desk and provides more time available to assist patrons with computer and reference questions, as well as more time for training. In addition, the library will be able to maintain the vital services performed by our computer consultant. She is crucial keeping our circulation system and server running, as well as solving computer problems so that patrons may continue to have access to all our electronic resources.
Wyoming	Wyoming Public Library District	\$1,800.00	With this grant the library has acquired four computers for public access. Library cardholders can access the Internet, type a term paper, e-mail friends or family members, create a power point presentation, or create a job resume on this new computer. Library customers are encouraged to take advantage of the computer instruction classes available at the library. These classes offer an introduction to basic office programs such as Word, Power Point and Publisher 2000. Internet searching techniques are also taught. Class instruction is geared to individual learning needs.