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Jesse White Awards More Than \$4.7 Million in Adult Literacy Grants

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded over \$4.7 million in Adult Literacy Grants to develop and enhance students' reading, math, writing and English language skills.

“An estimated 2.1 million Illinois residents need adult literacy and/or English language instruction,” said White. “I am pleased to provide 76 local literacy providers with funding that will allow adult students to achieve their utmost potential in the upcoming year. I will continue to do everything I can to ensure that all Illinoisans have access to quality literacy programs.”

Nearly 13,500 students will be served by adult literacy programs around the state. More than 6,200 volunteer tutors will provide instruction and guidance for students. Adult literacy projects help Illinois adults who read below the ninth-grade level or speak English at a beginner level improve their reading, writing, math or use of English as a new language.

The Adult Literacy Program — administered by the Secretary of State's Illinois State Library Literacy Office — awards grants in three categories:

- Adult Volunteer Literacy Grants provide training for volunteers who tutor those ages 17 and older in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Participating literacy providers include libraries; volunteer tutoring organizations; community-based organizations; community colleges; regional offices of education; schools; preschool programs; school districts; domestic violence shelters; and correctional facilities.
- Penny Severns Family Literacy Grants provide educational services to parents and children in an effort to enhance basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Programs must partner with an adult literacy provider, a child-at-risk agency and a public library.
- The Workplace Skills Enhancement Project provides onsite instructional services to employees of participating Illinois businesses, enabling them to enhance their basic reading, writing or language skills and increase their opportunity for career advancement. Eligible employees must read at or below the ninth-grade level. Grantees must match the grant award and may also provide instructional services to prospective employees. The fiscal agent and submitting agency may be either the educational partner or the business partner.

Individuals interested in becoming volunteer tutors are encouraged to contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 1-800-321-9511.

(A list of grant recipients is enclosed.)

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Secretary of State Literacy Program Awarded Grants

CITY	INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	GRANT TYPE	AMOUNT AWARDED
Addison	JD Norman Industries	Adult Workplace Basic Language Skills Training	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$8,739.00
Algonquin	Community Unit School District 300	Lakewood Elementary School Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$42,844.00
Arlington Heights	The Center	Illinois Adult Learning Hotline	Adult Volunteer	\$75,000.00
Arlington Heights	Township High School District 214	Read to Learn Adult Literacy/Volunteer Program (RTL) - A Certified Service Enterprise	Adult Volunteer	\$100,000.00
Arlington Heights	Township High School District 214	Family Literacy at the Women's & Children's Center (WCC) with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library (AHML)	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Aurora	Dominican Literacy Center	Dominican Literacy Center, Aurora	Adult Volunteer	\$47,760.00
Bloomington	Regional Office of Education	STAR Adult Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$70,235.00
Blue Island	Corazon a Corazon	Corazon a Corazon ESL Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$25,000.00
Canton	Spoon River College	Spoon River College Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$50,000.00
Carol Stream	World Relief Refugee Services, DuPage	The World Relief Literacy Project	Adult Volunteer	\$100,000.00
Carterville	John A. Logan College	JALC AVL Makes a Difference	Adult Volunteer	\$30,000.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	The Reading Link	Adult Volunteer	\$67,738.00
Centralia	Kaskaskia College	Family First	Family Literacy	\$32,571.00
Champaign	Parkland College	Project READ	Adult Volunteer	\$75,983.00
Chester	Regional Office of Education	Monroe Randolph Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$25,000.00
Chester	Regional Office of Education	Monroe Randolph Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$34,960.00
Chicago	Albany Park Community Center	Adult Literacy Tutoring Program	Adult Volunteer	\$98,800.00
Chicago	Aquinas Literacy Center	Aquinas Literacy Center	Adult Volunteer	\$40,000.00
Chicago	Arab American Action Network (AAAN)	Arab American Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services, Incorporated	LEAF School Age Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$48,378.00
Chicago	Asian Human Services, Incorporated	The LEAF Early Childhood Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Association House of Chicago	Family Literacy Program (FLP)	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Centro Romero	Teaching Literacy, Building Hope	Adult Volunteer	\$74,450.00
Chicago	Centro Romero	Centro Romero Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$40,837.00

Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	CMAA Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Chinese Mutual Aid Association	Chinese Mutual Aid Association Immigrant and Refugee Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$40,000.00
Chicago	De La Salle Institute	Tolton Center/Little Village Library ESL @ Our Lady of Tepeyac Head Start	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Erie Neighborhood House	Erie Neighborhood House's Community Literacy Program	Adult Literacy	\$75,000.00
Chicago	Family Legacy Foundation	Family Literacy	Family Literacy	\$25,000.00
Chicago	Family Legacy Foundation	Learning for Life	Adult Volunteer	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Hana Center	HANA Center Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$30,712.00
Chicago	Hanul Family Alliance	Speak English with Hanul	Adult Volunteer	\$37,200.00
Chicago	Heartland Human Care Services	Heartland Human Care Services Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Project	Adult Volunteer	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Heartland Human Care Services	Immigrant Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Heartland Human Care Services	Refugee Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Howard Area Community Center	Howard Area Community Center's Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Howard Area Community Center	Howard Area Community Center's (HACC) Adult Volunteer Literacy Program (AVLP)	Adult Volunteer	\$57,052.00
Chicago	Indo American Center	Indo-American Center Loves to Tutor Adult Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$59,192.00
Chicago	Instituto del Progreso Latino	Latino Family Literacy	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Chicago	Jane Addams Resource Corporation	Adult Learners Programs and Services (ALPS)	Adult Volunteer	\$51,325.00
Chicago	Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center	Anixter Center's Jack Ehrlich Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$44,260.00
Chicago	Literacy Chicago	Literacy Chicago Adult Volunteer Literacy Program "Making a Difference"	Adult Volunteer	\$91,050.00
Chicago	Literacy Volunteers of Illinois, Incorporated	Jump Start at IYC St. Charles	Adult Volunteer	\$31,170.00
Chicago	Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Incorporated	ADULT LITERACY ACADEMY (ALA)	Adult Volunteer	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Poder Learning Center	Putting English to Work: An Integrated English Literacy Program Empowering Latino Adults to Self-Sufficiency	Adult Volunteer	\$58,000.00
Chicago	Safer Foundation/PACE Institute	Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$55,260.00
Chicago	Saint Joseph Services, Incorporated	Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$28,500.00
Chicago	South-East Asia Center	Building Bridges ESL Program	Adult Volunteer	\$31,275.00

Chicago	The Learning Center/House of Connections	The Learning Center: Equip, Enrich, and Empower through Holistic Education	Adult Volunteer	\$36,900.00
Chicago	United For Better Living, Incorporated	Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$28,205.00
Chicago	Universidad Popular	Families Learning to Teach - West Lawn (FLT-WL)	Family Literacy	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Universidad Popular	Families Learning to Teach - Little Village (FLT-LV)	Family Literacy	\$35,000.00
Chicago	Universidad Popular	Adult Volunteer Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$42,350.00
Chicago	Vietnamese Association of Illinois	Adult Literacy Advancement Program	Adult Volunteer	\$35,000.00
Chicago Heights	Prairie State College	Prairie State College Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$37,499.00
Cicero	Morton College	Project CARE	Adult Volunteer	\$35,000.00
Crystal Lake	McHenry County College	We Teach One Another	Adult Volunteer	\$48,960.00
Danville	Danville Area Community College	The Reader's Route	Adult Volunteer	\$63,345.00
Decatur	Baby TALK	Baby TALK Family Literacy	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Decatur	Richland Community College	Project READ Adult Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$100,000.00
Dixon	Sauk Valley Community College	Project VITAL (Volunteers in Teaching Adult Literacy)	Adult Volunteer	\$39,817.00
Effingham	CEFS Economic Opportunity Corporation	C.E.F.S. Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$71,524.00
Elgin	Literacy Connection	Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$75,000.00
Elgin	YWCA of Elgin	YWCA Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
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Fairfield	Illinois Eastern Community Colleges	IECC Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$55,000.00
Freeport	Highland Community College	Highland Community College Volunteer Literacy.	Adult Volunteer	\$32,568.00
Godfrey	Lewis and Clark Community College	Project READ	Adult Volunteer	\$62,477.00
Godfrey	Lewis and Clark Community College	Alton Area Family Literacy Program	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00
Joliet	Joliet Junior College	Joliet Junior College Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$76,019.00
Kankakee	Kankakee Community College	ALIVE Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$55,000.00
LaGrange Park	School and Tutors on Wheels	School and Tutors on Wheels Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$50,904.00
Melrose Park	Dominican Literacy Center, Melrose Park	Dominican Literacy Center, Melrose Park	Adult Volunteer	\$30,000.00
Monmouth	Regional Office of Education	Knox County Family Literacy	Family Literacy	\$49,990.00
Monmouth	Regional Office of Education	Regional Office of Education 33 Adult Volunteer Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$38,372.00
Monmouth	Regional Office of Education	Warren County Family Literacy Project	Family Literacy	\$50,000.00

Naperville	Illinois Business Innovation Services	Greencore Workplace Skills Enhancement Project	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$19,998.00
Naperville	Literacy Volunteers of DuPage	Accessible and Customized Adult Tutoring Program	Adult Volunteer	\$100,000.00
Pekin	YWCA Pekin	YWCA Adult Literacy & Learning	Adult Volunteer	\$66,444.00
Peoria	Common Place Family Learning Center	Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$38,339.00
Peoria	Regional Office of Education	Peoria County ROE Adult Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$60,663.00
River Grove	Triton College	Access to Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$25,000.00
Rock Island	Black Hawk College	Adult Volunteer Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$40,012.00
Rockford	The Literacy Council	Adult Volunteer Tutor Program	Adult Volunteer	\$71,921.00
Saint Charles	Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley	One to one English tutoring for adults	Adult Volunteer	\$46,960.00
Schaumburg	Midwest Asian American Center	Literacy for Opportunity and Options Project (LOOP)	Adult Volunteer	\$35,000.00
Skokie	Oakton Community College	Workforce Literacy Skills Enhancement at LSG Sky Chefs	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$11,899.00
Skokie	Oakton Community College	Workforce Literacy Skills Enhancement at C. E. Niehoff	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$15,000.00
Skokie	Oakton Community College	Volunteers In Teaching Adults	Adult Volunteer	\$91,946.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	Get "S.E.T." Program (Sterling Employee Training)	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$13,935.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	South Suburban College Adult Volunteer Literacy	Adult Volunteer	\$30,000.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	Carl Buddig's "M.E.A.T." (Meaningful Education and Training) Program	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$11,955.00
South Holland	South Suburban College	"The Sky's the Limit!" English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education Program	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$20,000.00
Springfield	Fishes & Loaves Outreach	Springfield Literacy Project	Adult Volunteer	\$92,669.00
Springfield	Lincoln Land Community College	LLCC Adult Volunteer Literacy Program	Adult Volunteer	\$60,819.00
Urbana	Urbana School District #116	Salt & Light-UAEC Partnership Program	Workplace Skills Enhancement	\$10,769.00
Waukegan	Waukegan Public Library	Adult Literacy Tutoring Program (Program)	Adult Volunteer	\$76,655.00