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Jesse White Awards \$620,800 in Construction Grants to 12 Public Libraries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded \$620,800 in FY19 Live and Learn Construction Grants to 12 public libraries for essential capital improvements.

“Public libraries are cornerstones of our communities,” said White. “I am pleased to award grants through the Illinois State Library to help maintain the infrastructure of our public libraries so that they continue to serve as a valuable resource to residents.”

Libraries receiving grants include:

- Brookfield Public Library — \$125,000 for the construction of a new 21,000-square-foot library building.
- Camargo Township District Library in Villa Grove — \$15,567 for the installation of a new entrance ramp and power assist entry doors and the replacement of interior restroom doors to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.
- Forest Park Public Library — \$50,000 to remodel the library’s lobbies, public restrooms and stairway to meet ADA requirements.
- Golconda Public Library — \$22,853 for the replacement of the HVAC system and the installation of power assist entry doors and energy efficient lighting throughout the library.
- Huntley Area Public Library District — \$125,000 for the replacement of the library’s roof and the installation of a new roof-top air conditioning unit.
- Morrison-Talbott Library in Waterloo — \$125,000 for an interior remodeling and renovation project.
- Mount Carmel Public Library — \$25,000 for the replacement of all interior lighting fixtures with energy efficient LED lighting units.
- Normal Public Library — \$50,000 for the construction of a new restroom and the remodeling of two existing restrooms to meet ADA requirements.
- Rockford Public Library — \$8,990 for the installation of a platform lift in the library’s theatre to meet ADA requirements.
- Rosiclare Memorial Library — \$14,487 for the installation of a new roof.
- Savanna Public Library District — \$23,903 for the installation of a new roof and masonry repair to the exterior of the library.
- Sparta Public Library — \$35,000 for the replacement of 8,000 square feet of flooring throughout the library.

Information concerning the Illinois State Library’s Live and Learn Construction Grants program can be found at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/livelearn_construction.html.

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