Jesse White Awards over $400,000 in Illinois History – Digital Imaging Grants

Grant to support the creation and storage of digital collections

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded Illinois History – Digital Imaging grants totaling $485,779 to 13 libraries for the preservation and web access to historical collections.

“I am pleased to award these grants in an effort to increase access to collections that hold Illinois’ historical and cultural legacy,” said White. “Documents can fade, rip or degrade over time. By preserving these items, future generations are able to connect the past to the present.”

Below is a list of libraries receiving grants as well as the amount awarded and the project for which it will be used.

- Blessing Health Professions Library in Quincy: $39,304; “Open Access to the Healthcare History of the Quincy Community”
- Eureka Public Library District in Eureka: $10,449; “Pumpkins, Parades & Pies: Eureka's Pumpkin Festival Past, 1939-1961”
- Gail Borden Public Library District in Elgin: $10,895; “Elgin's History - A Look Back in Time”
- Galena Public Library in Galena: $9,557; “Galena Area Historic Photos Digitization Project”
- Highland Park Public Library in Highland Park: $78,667; “Highland Park Memory Project”
- Huntley Area Public Library District in Huntley: $5,521; “Preservation and Digitization of the Dairy and Agricultural History of Huntley, IL”
- Illinois State Archives in Springfield: $78,800; “Register of Prisoners Digitization Project”
- Mount Prospect Public Library in Mount Prospect: $5,660; “Dimensions of Life in Mount Prospect”
- Oak Park Public Library in Oak Park: $86,919; “Hacking Hemingway: Cracking the Code to the Vault”
- Vespasian Warner Public Library District in Clinton: $12,907; “Vespasian Warner Public Library World War I Collection”


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