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The Illinois Library Association, the iREAD Committee, and the ILA Small and Rural Libraries (SARL) Forum are delighted to announce the recipients of the 2024 iREAD Summer Reading Grant for ILA Small and Rural Libraries!

**Congratulations to:**

Deer Creek District Library

Four Star Public Library District, Mendon

Galva Public Library District

Lewistown Carnegie Public Library District

Martin Township Public Library, Colfax

Mississippi Valley Library District, Collinsville

Nokomis Public Library

Paw Paw Public Library District

Rick Warren Memorial Public Library District, Elkhart

Williamsfield Public Library

The iREAD Summer Reading Grant for Small and Rural Libraries is a dedicated funding initiative designed to support the implementation and enhancement of summer reading programs in small and rural libraries in Illinois. The grant is geared towards ILA small and rural libraries that represent underserved communities and libraries that have a financial need to conduct an engaging summer reading program.

This is the grant's first year in effect, and SARL was delighted to receive dozens of applications from eligible libraries in Illinois. Each of the winners listed above will be awarded a \$250.00 grant to be redeemed in the iREAD store to offset the costs of their summer reading program for the summer of 2025.

**About the Illinois Library Association**

The Illinois Library Association (ILA) is a professional membership organization representing Illinois libraries and the millions who depend on them. Founded in 1896, it is the third-largest state library association and serves as a chapter of the American Library Association. ILA is comprised of 2,000 personal and more than 500 institutional members, including public, academic, school, and special libraries, librarians, library staff, trustees, students, and library vendors.