



# THE LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

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*“For children, books can be an unending source of information about who they are and who they can become. Every child deserves to have a school library full of interesting books that inspire their love of learning. Together we can fill library shelves with books and children’s lives with possibility.”*

*Laura Bush*

## Laura Bush Foundation Meets Initial Fundraising Goals and Surpasses \$2 Million in Grants

The Laura Bush Foundation, after three years of operation, has met its initial fundraising goals. The Foundation’s Leadership Council, led by J.W. Marriott, Jr., announced that, in the past few months, the Foundation has reached its initial goal of \$25 million. The members of the Leadership Council, along with caring individuals from across the nation, worked hard to ensure that the Foundation established this first plateau as part of its quest for on going support of school libraries for many years to come.

In addition to this milestone, the Foundation, in June, surpassed a total of \$2 million in grants given over the last three years to help schools purchase books for their libraries.

On June 2, 2005, Mrs. Bush spoke at the grant announcement at Austin Community Academy High School in Chicago, Illinois. The Foundation

announced 160 new schools that would receive a total of over \$770,000 this year. Three other Chicago Public School grantees and officials from the Chicago Public School system were present for the event which was widely covered by local media.



White House photo by Krisanne Johnson  
Mrs. Bush with Chicago Public School officials and a student at the Austin Community Academy High School at the grant announcement

Just minutes prior to the grant announcement, Mrs. Bush met with students from Austin High School’s “Mayor’s Book Club.” The students brought many of their recent favorite books to

discuss. Mrs. Bush, in turn, told them about the books she and the President were currently reading. One student told a local television station how excited she was to discover that she and Mrs. Bush had the same favorite books. The discussion about books was so lively that even adult observers of the roundtable, including the president of the Chicago school board, chimed in with remarks on their own favorite books! ♦

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# Stories from the Schools

**Foundation grantees from 2004 have written about how significantly the grants have impacted their schools. Here are some comments from those awardees:**

“With these funds I purchased novels and relevant biographies that students could relate to, and our book circulation this year was 50% higher than last year’s! I attribute this success to the Laura Bush Foundation grant.”

“The students in my community are primarily from poverty homes. Most do not have books or computers at home. This grant enabled me to offer something these students have not experienced before: the delight in handling new books relating to their culture and interests. One student exclaimed that she never liked to read before this year, but these new books convinced her that reading is fun.”

“Teachers are using the new materials to support the units they are teaching and to promote student research. Collaboration between the librarian and the classroom is on the increase. Everything we do in the library is geared toward improving student achievement.”

“Nearly 500 library books were purchased with our Laura Bush Foundation grant.”

“The grant allowed us to purchase books that students were scrambling to read such as the football, basketball, automobile and sports topics. These were a big hit with the boys that are often reluctant readers.”


“I went to the English classes to promote the new books, and had an open house for teachers and parents to see the new additions to our collection. As a result, many of the students who rarely checked out books began checking out books on a regular basis.”

“The Laura Bush Foundation grant made it possible to start three different student book discussion clubs. Students voted on the books they wanted to discuss, and we purchased multiple copies of titles receiving the most votes. The book clubs met during our school’s lunch period.”

“Many teachers who were not frequent library users before have started to take advantage of the big improvements in the collections. There have been many more visits and calls from teachers asking for me to send them what I have, especially in the sciences.”

“Our population is very hard on books and our books have become worn quite quickly. Having so many fresh and new looking books to offer at one time gave me an opportunity to repeat lessons on book care. New books feel and smell good! I was delighted that these new books flew off the shelves and displays were going into homes where I know there is little reading material.”

“Teenage boys, who tend to be reluctant readers, were bringing in friends to show them the new sports books that were purchased.”

“Our school is extremely thankful to the Laura Bush Foundation for selecting our school to receive this funding . . . our students feel valued and are very excited to own and read these books, knowing that they are very special gifts from very special people. Thank you forever!” 



## 2005 Grant Recipients *continued*

70. Old Town Elementary School, *Winston-Salem, NC*
71. Cannon Ball Elementary School, *Cannon Ball, ND*
72. Solen High School, *Solen, ND*
73. Howard Elementary School, *Grand Island, NE*
74. Everett Elementary School, *Lincoln, NE*
75. Santee Community School, *Niobrara, NE*
76. Prospect Mountain High School, *Alton, NH*
77. Bragaw Avenue School, *Newark, NJ*
78. Franklin School, *Newark, NJ*
79. Warren Street School, *Newark, NJ*
80. School 15, *Paterson, NJ*
81. Truman Middle School, *Albuquerque, NM*
82. CS 06X West Farms Elementary School, *Bronx, NY*
83. I.S. 318 School of Math, Science & Technology, *Bronx, NY*
84. I.S. 174, *Bronx, NY*
85. Michelangelo Middle School 144, *Bronx, NY*
86. Our Lady of Mercy School, *Bronx, NY*
87. P.S. 5 The Port Morris School, *Bronx, NY*
88. Samuel Gompers Vocational & Technical High School, *Bronx, NY*
89. P.S. 377K Alejandrina Benitez de Gautier School, *Brooklyn, NY*
90. East Side Community High School, *New York, NY*
91. Public School 146, *New York, NY*
92. Public School 188, *New York, NY*
93. Resurrection School, *New York, NY*
94. St. Ann School, *New York, NY*
95. Arthur Ashe School, *Richmond Hill, NY*
96. Chester Dewey School #14, *Rochester, NY*
97. Kodak Park School #41, *Rochester, NY*
98. Westbury Middle School, *Westbury, NY*
99. Lincoln Heights Elementary School, *Cincinnati, OH*
100. Newton D. Baker School of the Arts, *Cleveland, OH*
101. Oilton High School, *Oilton, OK*
102. Crutch School, *Oklahoma City, OK*
103. Cleveland Middle School, *Tulsa, OK*
104. Hawthorne Elementary School, *Tulsa, OK*
105. J Bar J Learning Center, *Bend, OR*
106. Wolf Creek Elementary School, *Wolf Creek, OR*
107. Edward W. Bok Technical High School, *Philadelphia, PA*
108. Franklin Learning Center, *Philadelphia, PA*
109. Green Tree School, *Philadelphia, PA*
110. High School for Human Services, *Philadelphia, PA*
111. Kensington High School, *Philadelphia, PA*
112. Prince Hall Elementary School, *Philadelphia, PA*
113. Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander School, *Philadelphia, PA*
114. New Homewood Elementary School, *Pittsburgh, PA*
115. Washington Polytechnic Academy, *Pittsburgh, PA*
116. The Jane Stern Dorado Community Library, *Dorado, PR*
117. Lee Central High School, *Bishopville, SC*
118. Edmund A. Burns Elementary School, *Charleston, SC*
119. St. Mark Elementary School, *Kingstree, SC*
120. Malcolm C. Hursey Elementary School, *North Charleston, SC*
121. Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, *Orangeburg, SC*
122. Wolf Creek School, *Pine Ridge, SD*
123. A.B. Hill Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
124. Egypt Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
125. Fairview Junior High School, *Memphis, TN*
126. Frayser Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
127. Georgian Hills Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
128. Grizzlies Academy, *Memphis, TN*
129. Hamilton Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
130. Longview Middle School, *Memphis, TN*
131. Manor Lake Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
132. Pyramid Academy, *Memphis, TN*
133. Vollentine Elementary School, *Memphis, TN*
134. Glenview Elementary School, *Nashville, TN*
135. Northwest Elementary School, *Newport, TN*
136. Josephine Houston Elementary School, *Austin, TX*
137. City Park Elementary School, *Dallas, TX*
138. Lorenzo DeZavala Elementary School, *Dallas, TX*
139. Molina High School, *Dallas, TX*
140. W.A. Blair Elementary School, *Dallas, TX*
141. William Lipscomb Elementary School, *Dallas, TX*
142. Crockett Elementary School, *Harlingen, TX*
143. Black Middle School, *Houston, TX*
144. Epps Island Elementary School, *Houston, TX*
145. La Marque High School, *La Marque, TX*
146. Kruse Elementary School, *Pasadena, TX*
147. Pomeroy Elementary School, *Pasadena, TX*
148. Richey Elementary School, *Pasadena, TX*
149. R. R. Cable Elementary School, *San Antonio, TX*
150. South San Antonio High School, *San Antonio, TX*
151. Sanpete Academy, *Ephraim, UT*
152. Achievable Dream Academy, *Newport News, VA*
153. John Marshall Elementary School, *Newport News, VA*
154. Campostella Elementary School, *Norfolk, VA*
155. Jacox Elementary School, *Norfolk, VA*
156. Charles H. Emanuel School, *St. Croix, USVI*
157. Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School, *St. Thomas, USVI*
158. Lakeview Elementary School, *Lakewood, WA*
159. Pioneer Elementary School, *Sunnyside, WA*
160. Tucker Valley Elementary/Middle School, *Hambleton, WV*