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### **Laura Bush Foundation Announces \$557,500 in Grants To Gulf Coast School Libraries**

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries announced today \$557,500 in Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative grants to twelve schools in Louisiana and Mississippi. These grants are in addition to the sixty-eight awards in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Texas that have been made since the program's inception in May 2006. Total grants to date through the GCSLRI total over \$3.7 million.

Many schools in the Gulf Coast region were destroyed or severely damaged by the 2005 hurricanes, and part of the destruction was the loss of the schools' libraries. As a response to Mrs. Bush's concern for the students of these affected schools, the Laura Bush Foundation established a special fund to help re-establish the book collections for the school libraries.

Grantees announced today include:

- Albert Wicker Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Benjamin Franklin Elementary Math & Science – New Orleans, La.
- Booker T. Washington Transitional School – New Orleans, La.
- Delcambre Elementary School– Delcambre, La.
- Eaton Park Elementary School– Abbeville, La.
- Edgar P. Harney Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Fannie C. Williams Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Henry C. Schaumburg School – New Orleans, La.
- Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy – Jefferson, La.
- Paul B. Habans Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Sarah Towles Reed Senior High School – New Orleans, La.
- West Hancock Elementary School – Picayune, Ms.

The Foundation continues to accept applications at [www.laurabushfoundation.org](http://www.laurabushfoundation.org). Schools that lost book collections or schools that are being built in the areas affected by the 2005 hurricanes in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas are encouraged to apply.

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