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Laura Bush Foundation Announces \$610,000 in Grants To Gulf Coast School Libraries

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries announced today \$610,000 in Gulf Coast School Library Recovery Initiative grants to fourteen schools in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. These grantees are in addition to the fifty-four schools in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Texas that have received awards since the first grants were made in May 2006. Total grants to date through the GCSLRI total over \$3.1 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:

- Alba Middle School – Bayou La Batre, Ala.
- Alternative Learning Institute – New Orleans, La.
- Benjamin Banneker Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Central Elementary School – Pascagoula, Miss.
- Crescent City Christian School – Metairie, La.
- Harriet R. Tubman Charter School – New Orleans, La.
- Lake Forest Charter School – New Orleans, La.
- Murray Henderson School – New Orleans, La.
- North Bay Elementary School - Bay St. Louis, Miss.
- Ruppel Academy for Advanced Studies – Marrero, La.
- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Long Beach, Miss.
- Sylvania F. Williams Elementary School – New Orleans, La.
- Walter L. Cohen School – New Orleans, La.
- William Colmer Middle School – Pascagoula, Miss.

The Foundation continues to accept applications at 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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